



WHY? Young Activists Programme

Monday 7 – Friday 11 August 2017

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Overview of WHY? Young Activists Programme

Southbank Centre is inviting national arts, community and charitable organisations to nominate a young person from their local community aged **18 – 25** to take part in the *WHY? Young Activists Programme*.

Southbank Centre is the UK's largest arts centre which passionately believes in the power of art to change lives. Southbank Centre's year-round programme of cross-arts festivals explore stories from around the world, celebrate equality and activism and promote platforms for unheard voices.

WHY? What's Happening for the Young festival celebrates young people's voices and their right to bring about social change. For the past three years, *WHY?* has been an annual festival which takes place in October. However for 2017, we are reinvigorating the festival programme and looking to the future, to ensure that *WHY?* addresses exactly what children and young people need and want from our festival.

To fulfil this mission, we are seeking a **group of young arts activists** to be part of *WHY? Young Activists*, a **week-long residential course in August 2017**.

From **Monday 7 – Friday 11 August 2017**, Southbank Centre is offering the unique opportunity for **15 arts activists and social change-makers aged 18 – 25** to become our *WHY? Young Activists* and participate in a residency to explore the future of *WHY?* festival. We are looking for a diverse range of **young artists, leaders, poets, musicians, performers and campaigners** who are creating work which promotes and impacts social change.

Throughout the week, the *WHY? Young Activists* work with artists and leading practitioners to **take the next step in their arts careers, developing skills in producing and programming, bringing their own artistic programme and hosting the WHY? Summit on Thursday 10 August**.

Taking inspiration from the residential week and Summit, the *WHY? Young Activists* then continue to develop their project with their nominating organisation, and will be paired up with a local mentor, and a mentor at Southbank Centre in London. The *WHY? Young Activists* will then **return to Southbank Centre in October 2018** and have their work programmed at the next *WHY? What's Happening for the Young Festival*.

Information for WHY? Young Activists Supporting Organisation

The WHY? Young Activists will:

- Be exceptional individuals who are passionate about championing a festival for young people
- Have a proven project or artistic work which activates social change or platforms the voice of young people
- Have the support of your organisation to help develop their social impact project or artistic work
- Have the desire to share, develop and debate ideas relating to young people's rights
- Be aged 18 – 25 (or up to 30 for individuals with additional access needs)
- Enjoy a week in London, with all costs for travel and accommodation covered, and free food provided

The WHY? Young Activist will need to:

- Be available to take part in a residential week based at Southbank Centre, London, from Monday 7 – Friday 11 August 2017
- Have an idea, debate topic or workshop programme to bring to *WHY?* Summit on Thursday 10 August 2017
- Have the capacity and support to develop their social or arts activism project between August 2017 and October 2018

To nominate a WHY? Young Activist, your organisation needs to:

- Identify a young person, or a number of young people, aged 18 – 25 who you believe is a social change-maker or arts activist
- Be willing to offer support and mentoring to the *WHY?* Young Activist from August 2017 to October 2018, to develop their project locally in preparation for their involvement in *WHY?* 2018, including a commitment to programming their work at your organisation (this could be as part of a discussion or workshop).

Southbank Centre is running the WHY? Young Activists Programme to:

- Inspire and invest in young change-makers and artists from across the UK
- Develop existing and new relationships with national organisations
- Promote the ethos of *WHY?* nationally, spreading the reach and social impact of the festival
- Look to the future, to ensure *WHY?* addresses exactly what children and young people need and want from a festival celebrating their voices and right to influence social change

By nominating and supporting a WHY? Young Activist, your organisation will benefit from:

- Tickets to *WHY? Summit* on Thursday 10 August 2017, for your organisation and a group of associated young people
- The development of the *WHY?* Young Activists' project, which could have social impact at a national or local level
- The dissemination of the skills and knowledge gained by your nominated individual, who are to receive world-class training at Southbank Centre focused on festival programming, fundraising, presentation and communication
- The opportunity to work in partnership with *WHY?* What's Happening for the Young festival in 2018
- The potential opportunity to host *WHY?* festival at your venue (subject to further discussion and agreement from Southbank Centre, with support from programmers and producers of *WHY?* festival)

To nominate a WHY? Young Activist, please fill in the application form and return by email to whythinkin@southbankcentre.co.uk by Monday 29 May

If you have any questions, or would like further detail, please contact:

Holly Hunter, Participation Producer – Voicelab,
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Alice Chesterman, Education Manager – Youth,
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Information for WHY? Young Activists

As a WHY? Young Activist, you will:

- Be an exceptional individual who is passionate about championing a festival for young people
- Have a proven project or artistic work which activates social change or champions the voice of young people
- Have the support of an organisation to support you to develop your social impact project or artistic work. This could be an arts, community or charitable organisation, which could include your local youth group or venue
- Have the desire to share, develop and debate ideas relating to young people's rights
- Be aged 18 – 25 (or up to 30 for individuals with additional access needs)

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- Be available to take part in a residential week based at Southbank Centre, London, from Monday 7 – Friday 11 August 2017
- Have an idea, debate topic or workshop programme to bring to the WHY? Summit on Thursday 10 August 2017
- Have the capacity and support from an organisation to develop your social or arts activism project between August 2017 and October 2018

By being a WHY? Young Activist, you will receive:

- A free week in London with all costs for travel, food and accommodation covered, plus free tickets to events that week
- Exclusive training to develop your skills in programming, producing, presentation and fundraising
- A mentor at Southbank Centre, and a mentor at your nominating organisation
- Support from your nominating organisation to develop your ideas and initiative from August 2017 to October 2018
- The chance to have your work platformed at Southbank Centre's WHY? Festival in October 2018

To apply to be a WHY? Young Activist, please fill in the application form and return by email to whythinkin@southbankcentre.co.uk by Monday 29 May. All shortlisted applicants will be contacted by the 2nd of June, Skype interviews will take place mid-June.

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Application form

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Section to be completed by the applicant

Name of applicant

Date of birth*

* you must be aged 18 – 25 to apply, young people with additional access needs may apply up to the age of 30

Contact email address

Contact phone number

Skype name

Address

Are you available for the WHY? Young Activists residency dates: Monday 7 – Friday 11 August 2017 and committed to working towards WHY? festival 2018?

Yes

No

Please give an overview of your project or artistic work which activates social change or champions the voice of young people (if you would prefer to do this via a digital application, please enter links or instructions in the box below). This overview should include why you set the project up and what it aims to address. Maximum 400 words.

What element of your project or artistic work would you like to bring to WHY? Summit on Thursday 10 August to inspire ideas for WHY? festival 2018? Maximum 300 words.

Why do you want to be part of shaping a festival that celebrates young people's voices and their right to influence social change? Maximum 200 words.

Why should you be one of our WHY? Young Activists? What could you bring to the week-long residential summer school this August? Maximum 200 words.

How will you work with your nominating organisation to continue the development of your ideas between the summer school this year and the festival in 2018? Maximum 100 words.

If you could choose a debate topic for WHY? Summit on Thursday 10 August to activate a discussion around important issues for young people, what would it be? Maximum 100 words.

Section to be completed by the supporting organisation

Name of supporting organisation

Contact name at supporting organisation

Position of Contact

Contact email

Contact phone number

Tell us about your organisation and your youth programme. Maximum 300 words

Why are you nominating the above applicant? Maximum 200 words.

Are you able to support them to develop their project until October 2018? Please tell us how and what you are planning.

Yes

No

If your applicant is successful, do you agree to work in partnership with Southbank Centre to develop their project for WHY? 2018?

Yes

No