



Open Call for Artists

Freshly Scratched is an open platform at Battersea Arts Centre for emerging artists to try out new ideas in front of an audience.

Following a successful pilot event in 2016, Battersea Arts Centre is working with The DH Ensemble to program a scratch night of exciting new work made by emerging and established D/deaf and hearing artists, which is accessible to both D/deaf and hearing audiences.

We are looking for:

- Work that is accessible to deaf and hard of hearing audiences
- Artists making new work in theatre, performance, spoken-word, poetry, stand-up comedy, multimedia, live art and cross-disciplinary work
- Unconventional and innovative work.
- Interactive performance that acknowledges the presence of the audience.
- Work developed through devising process. We do not tend to programme plays or theatre in the traditional sense.

WHAT CAN I SHOW?

We are interested in artists that push boundaries. We are interested in artists who want to reach out to people who would not otherwise go to art centres – and we are interested in work that looks and feels new.

We are encouraging applications from artists working in a range of art forms of theatre, performance and work that explore cross-overs with other art forms, including theatre, performance, music, spoken-word, poetry, stand-up comedy, multimedia and digital art.

Freshly Scratched is an opportunity to try out short ideas in front of an audience at an early stage of development. It is not about presenting polished segments of pre-existing work. It's about taking risks.

We are excited to give this opportunity to artists who have a genuine interest in exploring an idea in front of an audience, taking risks with the material presented and using audience feedback in order to help think through the next steps in developing their work. For the right work at the right time, they are a unique opportunity.

Each idea can last anything up to 10 minutes. Usually six or seven pieces will be programmed alongside each other, creating an evening of rough and ready flashes of inspiration.

HOW TO APPLY

The deadline for applications is on the 4th September 2017

[Apply here online](#)

OR: Follow these 3 steps and email your application to us at scratch@bac.org.uk:

1. Write a description in no more than 300 words OR record a film in BSL where you cover the following (in no more than 2 minutes):
2. You can send us links to anything that your idea visually, through Instagram, YouTube, Vimeo, Facebook or a website etc.
3. Provide you contact details. We need your name, email and contact number.

INFORMATION TO READ BEFORE APPLYING

BAC has compiled some information covering all aspects of the Freshly Scratched application process and other information related to the scratch. Please read these notes carefully before applying.