



NEW OPPORTUNITY: Babylon Young Curators

We're looking for 2 people aged 18 – 26 to join the Babylon Young Curators Programme. If you have fresh, creative ideas and drive to make things happen this could be the opportunity for you.

Who are we?

Babylon ARTS is a creative organisation based in Ely, but we work across West Anglia. Our mission is to develop creativity and connect communities with arts and culture. We run a gallery, a cinema, artist development opportunities and a whole range of creative projects for people of different ages and interests.

We're looking for two young people to take part in our new professional development programme: Babylon Young Curators. This is brand new for 2020 and something we're really proud of.

What is a Curator?

A curator is someone who selects, connects and arranges art for other people to enjoy. You often find curators in galleries and museums where they are responsible for assembling, cataloguing, managing and displaying artistic and cultural collections. A curator could be defined as a facilitator, a manager or simply someone who brings things together to make new connections.

Without realising it, you may curate your own spaces – for example arranging items to photograph for Instagram, compiling collections of things that interest you, on your shelves at home or producing content for digital spaces in other ways.

Who is this opportunity for?

To apply to be a Young Curator you need to be aged 18 to 26. You don't need any special qualifications, but you do need to be enthusiastic, able to put the time into developing your knowledge and skills, and have a passion for sharing your interests in visual arts with other people. The term 'visual arts' encompasses a wide range of artistic outputs such as photography, sculpture, drawing and painting, print, fashion and textiles. In relation to this project, we're including digital arts such as virtual spaces and interactions, film and light installations.

We are looking for two people with fresh ideas, and a real interest in making things happen. If you're interested in working with artists and exploring a career in the arts, this could be the right opportunity for you.

What's in it for you?

- £1,650 bursary - a financial award paid to you for being one of our Young Curators.
- An opportunity to curate a major creative project or exhibition in or connected to our gallery space.
- Be part of a team, which runs an active arts organisation, and benefit from connections with our programme partners Kettle's Yard and Wysing Arts.
- An opportunity to develop your skills and knowledge, and to gain valuable new experiences with the support of a mentor.
- Collaborate with artists and creative professionals and lead on a creative project with the support of a mentor.
- An opportunity to learn more about the arts industry and develop your career.

What's involved?

In September we'll welcome you and introduce you to our organisation and the work we do. You'll meet your mentor – an arts professional who will be on hand to support and coach you through the programme.

From October to February you will develop a major creative project or exhibition. With support from your mentor, you will produce an artist's brief and will lead the planning and creation of your project or exhibition. As part of this programme you'll learn from industry professionals with specialisms in curation, gallery programming, installation and community engagement.

From March to May you will present your major creative project or exhibition to the public. With support from the Babylon Arts team you will develop and deliver community engagement activities that connect with your project or exhibition.

When does it start and finish?

The Babylon Young Curators programme runs from September 2020 to May 2021.

We expect that the time you'll need to commit to this programme, equates to approximately 1 day a week from the middle of September 2020 until May 2021. The specific start and end dates can be agreed, and there is some flexibility in how you structure your time with us.

It is expected that you could take on this opportunity alongside other work or study.

Interested?

If you have any questions or would like to talk to us about the programme please contact Amy Wormald, Creative Spaces Manager on Amy.Wormald@babylonarts.org.uk

Details can also be found on our website: bit.ly/Young_Curators

HOW TO APPLY

To apply we ask that you send us two things:

1. Key Information Form

This is a one-page form asking for your basic information and contact details. You can find the form on our website here bit.ly/Young_Curators - or attached to this document.

2. A Statement of Interest

You can choose how you wish to present your statement of interest. It can be written (with or without images), or you can send an audio or video recording if you prefer. (Phone camera quality is fine). If you are submitting a written statement it should be no more than 750 words long. If you are submitting an audio or video recording it should be no more than 2 minutes long.

Whatever format you choose, we would like you to cover the following in your statement:

- **Please tell us about you and your art interests.**
- **Why are you interested in becoming a Babylon Young Curator?**
- **What do you hope to gain from the experience?**
- **Do you have an inkling of an idea that you think could turn into a good exhibition or major project? If so tell us about it.**

Selection Criteria

The Babylon Young Curator programme is about supporting young people who are interested in exploring the idea of a career in the creative industries.

In your application and interview we are looking for you to show us that you:

- are passionate about the arts
- have creative ideas and like sharing your interests with other people
- have good communication and interpersonal skills
- are organised and willing to work hard to make things happen
- are enthusiastic and proactive

- are committed to put time into developing your knowledge and skills
- are between the ages of 18 and 26 on 1st September 2020

Interviews

After the application deadline passes, we will go through a shortlisting process and select candidates to interview. The interviews will either take place at the Babylon Gallery in Ely, or will be conducted online.

Application deadline: Monday 10 August, 12 noon

Interviews: Monday 17 - Friday 21 August

Babylon Young Curators start: Mid- September

Please email your application to:

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