

Horizons Festival

Theatre Commission

Deadline to apply: Mon 30th March 2026 (12pm Middy)

Date of show: June 12th/13th

Commission: 5-10 minute performance pièce

Fee: £1000

Art Form: Theatre, Storytelling, Spoken word, poetry, monologue, performance art, Multi art form Theatre.

Eligibility:

- You must be a resident in Greater Manchester
- You must have experience of displacement, Forced Migration. or seeking sanctuary.
- You must have the Right to Work in the UK
- This commission is available to individuals or small groups of no more than 2 performers.
- You must be aged 18+

How to apply:

Please submit **an idea** (in English) by email using the header: **Theatre Commission**. You can submit either:

- A short video explaining your idea (no more than 2 minutes)

You should also include a sentence or two about yourself.

You may also include:

- Information or images of your previous work
- A link to your work on social media or website

Please submit your application to: horizons@homemcr.org

All ideas will be considered by a panel from HOME. All applicants will be notified of the status of their application by 3rd of April. Unfortunately, we cannot provide feedback to all applicants.

If you have any questions or access requirements related to this application please email: horizons@homemcr.org or call/text 07890061510.

ABOUT HORIZONS FESTIVAL

Horizons Festival celebrates the enduring power of creativity by international artists who have made Manchester their home through migration. HOME and Community Arts North West present a provocative and stimulating programme of film, theatre, music, visual art alongside workshops and discussion. Horizons 2026 will take place on

Friday 12 June and Saturday 13 June.

Horizons Festival aims:

- To share a wide range of international voices and global issues, through an artistic programme that is accessible to people on different incomes or none
- To question some of the negative ideas about refugees, asylum seekers and migrants that we hear in the press
- To highlight issues that affect refugees, asylum seekers and migrants, and to encourage action

Horizons Festival Values: *kindness, honesty, justice, equality, and respect.*

About the Theatre Commission:

Your short theatre piece must fit the values of the festival and will be shown as a piece at a sharing in Theatre 2 at HOME during Horizons Festival

Tech available for the sharing:

- Theatre 2 space
- Set lighting state
- 2 x mics
- A technician
- A technical run

Meeting and artist deadline

You will attend a meeting on Tuesday 28th April to discuss your idea in detail.

You will then submit a complete script/ synopsis for your performance by Tuesday the 19th of may

Workshop dates

You will attend two development workshops on Tuesday 2nd of June and Tuesday 9th of June to develop your performance with a member of the HOME team.