

# ROYAL DOCKS ORIGINALS

## ROYAL DOCKS ORIGINALS PARTNER GROUP – BRIEF

### Royal Docks Originals

Royal Docks Originals is the area's flagship cultural festival demonstrating the ambition of the Royal Docks to become London's Cultural Engine. By supporting and showcasing cultural and creative projects made here Royal Docks Originals unites people from across the local community (artists, residents, businesses, workers, schools, and institutions) to make the creative programme, and present it in a biennial autumn festival.

Royal Docks Originals has four key guiding principles:

1. **It's a movement, not just a moment:** key to the festival is the two-year creative development process, in which people from across all sectors of our community work together to help plan the festival and develop festival projects
2. **Original work made here:** demonstrating the area's prowess as a place of cultural production, the festival showcases culture and creative industries made here and the potential for the Royal Docks to become a key part of London's cultural infrastructure
3. **By and with the community:** local residents, workers and students are invited to make festival projects, influence decisions, participate in large scale arts activities and take part as volunteers and Festival team members
4. **Inspired by and rooted in the Royal Docks:** all Royal Docks Originals projects respond to the area's iconic land and waterscape and its diverse community.

Royal Docks Originals is produced by the Royal Docks Team.

### RDO Partner Group - Overview

The RDO Partner Group will bring together individuals and organisations from across the Royal Docks to inform and support the planning of the biennial Royal Docks Originals festival.

- Meeting twice a year, the RDO Partner Group, made up of individuals and organisations from across the Royal Docks, will support the development of the Royal Docks Originals festival and help shape and champion its vision.

- Anyone who lives, works or studies in the Royal Docks is invited to join the RDO Partner Group, in particular: **Creative Network members** (creative practitioners and organisations), **Creative Connectors** (residents, workers and students), **local artists and arts organisations, businesses, developers and landowners** based here
- A smaller Advisory Group representing RDO Partners will work directly with the Royal Docks Team on the planning and delivery of the festival

Key Responsibilities will include:

- Attending two meetings a year
- Providing creative input to the Royal Docks Team regarding the Royal Docks Originals programme
- Bringing specific knowledge of the area and/or of their experience to inform conversations around programming
- Treating all participants with respect and consideration and supporting fellow members to make meaningful contributions to discussions
- Contributing guidance and expertise on aspects of festival planning and preparation such as promotion, community engagement and inclusion

**Deadline for applications is Friday 30th Jan at 3pm. Please apply [here](#)**