**Summer Programme Opportunity – Information & Guidance Notes**

The Royal Docks Team (RDT) is presenting a Summer Programme (June and July 2023) featuring a series of creative and cultural projects that respond to the climate emergency and sustainability.

We are interested in compelling creative projects in any artform that connect with family audiences, capture imaginations around this subject and resonate with both Royal Docks and wider Newham communities.

We are looking for exciting creative projects that will appeal to family audiences in **June and July 2023.**

UCL (who have recently opened a new campus UCL East in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park) have a range of leading academics working in climate change research and innovation. The Royal Docks Team has a developing partnership with UCL. If you’re keen to connect with UCL academics as part of your project, please let us know in your application.

We are flexible on locations for activities for the Summer Programme. There are indoor venues around the Royal Docks that, with permission, could be used. This includes community centres, exhibition spaces and a music hall. There are also many outdoor locations in the Royal Docks, including Thames Barrier Park. More information on the park can be found [here.](https://royaldocks.london/media/TBP-summary-Sept-2022.pdf) Please consider your venue/location before submitting your application.

If your application is successful, the Royal Docks Team will work with you to help make your project happen and ensure if meets the objectives.

**Summer Programme – Opportunity:**

The Royal Docks Team is looking to support Summer Programme projects at the following levels:

* Large grants: Up to £15000
* Small grants: £500 - £2000

The number awarded at each level will depend on the applications received.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR:**

* Exciting, compelling creative projects, events or activities that explore the topic of sustainability and climate change and capture audience imaginations.
* Projects that challenge ideas around what a climate project might be, helping to make it relevant and accessible.
* Projects that are relevant to family audiences, particularly diverse Royal Docks and wider Newham audiences.
* Projects can be any artform and can be an event, an installation, an artwork etc.

**WHO CAN APPLY?**

We are open to creative projects from individuals or organisations, especially those based in the Royal Docks or Newham.

* You must be based in the U.K. or working with an organisation that is
* You must be 18+
* All projects must take place in the Royal Docks
* Your project must take place during the June and July 2023 (if your creative idea extends outside of June and July 2023, you can still submit an application).

We are committed to delivering a diverse and inclusive programme that reflects our community; and we welcome applications from all backgrounds.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

We have two different options to apply.

**Option 1: APPLICATION FORM**

If you’d prefer to fill in a form, please follow this [link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Cp12dT0L9sPhk2cBWEq_w0hvX5YTxRx6PrpY2sEdlos/edit), please answer all the questions before submitting your application:

OR

**Option 2: AUDIO OR VIDEO FILE**

If you’d prefer to send us an audio or video file (max 30MB) explaining your idea, please send by email to: RoyalDocksEvents@london.gov.uk.

Please make sure you have named your file with your artist or organisation name, so we can identify who it is from.

When you send your file please also include within your email your name and/or your organisation name, the project name and best way to contact you. We also ask that you fill in and attach or send in the body of the email the completed budget template for your project. The budget template can be found [here.](https://royaldocks.london/media/Budget-Template.xlsx)

What to include within the video or audio file:

* Name of your project
* Connection to sustainability
* Who will help you run the project? What will their role be?
* Who would you like come to your project and why?
* Where would you like to hold your project?

We don’t mind whether you choose to apply using option 1 or 2, it is completely up to you - applications will not be scored based on which option you choose.

**To support with your application:**

If you have any access requirements or questions about the Summer Programme Opportunity, please email: Sarah Barrow: RoyalDocksEvents@london.gov.uk

**Information on Thames Barrier Park**

If you are interested in Thames Barrier Park as a location for your project we have created an information sheet available on this [link.](https://royaldocks.london/media/TBP-summary-Sept-2022.pdf)

**Selection Process**

Project proposals will be reviewed and scored by a panel:

* Your creative idea, how it responds to climate change and/or sustainability, and how it will capture the intended audience’s imaginations (60%)
* Resonance for family audiences – will it connect them with the climate change emergency and sustainability (20%)
* Feasibility within the timeframe and budget (20%)

During the selection process, we might contact you about your project to have a chat if we have any questions about your application

**Timeline**

Monday 6 February 2023: submit your application, via Option 1 or Option 2 set out in the How to Apply section above

Thursday 23 February 2023: you will be notified if you have been successful.