**Royal Docks Team - Call for Youth Projects**

**Application Information and Guidance Notes**

The Royal Docks Team (RDT) is presenting a Spring Sustainability Season (from 11th to 29th May) featuring a series of creative and cultural projects that respond to the climate emergency.

The Royal Docks Sustainability Season will present four new commissions currently being developed via creative collaborations between artists and UCL academics whose research is concerned with sustainable solutions to climate change around four themes: biodiversity, energy / power, urban futures / climate activism and globalisation. These commissions are led by the Royal Docks Team in partnership with UCL East and Invisible Dust and will be presented in Thames Barrier Park.

As part of this Sustainability Season, we are looking for exciting youth-focused or youth led sustainability projects and projects that respond to the climate emergency. that will appeal to young people (age 14 to 30 years), to take place alongside these commissions between **Thursday 11th May 2023 - Monday 29th May 2023** in Thames Barrier Park. More information on the park can be found [here.](https://royaldocks.london/media/TBP-summary-Sept-2022.pdf)

We are interested in compelling creative projects, activities or events in any artform that can connect with audiences, capture imaginations around this subject and resonate with the young people in the Royal Docks and wider Newham area. If you’re keen to connect with UCL academics as part of your project, please let us know in 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.

**Youth Project – grants available**

* Large: £10,000 – 1 grant available, must be co-created or led by young people
* Medium: £5000 – 2 grants available
* Small: £2,500 – 2 grants available
* Micro: £1,000 – 5 grants available, eligible for 18- to 30-year-olds only

**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 make it relevant and accessible.
* Projects led by young people or projects co-created with young people
* Projects that are relevant to young people (14- to 30-year-olds), particularly diverse Royal Docks and wider Newham audiences.
* Projects can be any artform and can be an event, an installation, an artwork etc.

We want to hear your bold ideas for exciting creative projects that will connect with young people and what they are interested in around climate change. For example, it might a youth takeover in the park for a day.

**WHO CAN APPLY?**

We want to hear particularly from young people or arts organisations led by, or co-creating with, young people.

* You must be based in the U.K. or working with an organisation that is
* You must be 18+ (unless you are young people partnering with an organisation or youth-led organisation)
* All projects must take place in the Royal Docks, Thames Barrier Park
* Your project must take place during the May dates (If your creative idea extends outside of the May dates, you can still apply).
* If you are applying for the Micro Grant, you must be aged between 18 to 30 years old

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/e/1FAIpQLScq4cNG1vN1VteOx2W391sYowkTByQpbgKpWn6KJ_auS1L1Ug/viewform) to do, 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 so we can identify who it is, with your artist or organisation name.

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

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.

What to include in the video / audio file:

* Name of your project
* What is the idea for the project, and what is its connection to climate change?
* How your project is created, or co-created, with young people>
* Who will help you run the project? What will their role be?
* Who would you like come to, or participate in, your project and why?
* Where would you like to hold your project?

**To support with your application:**

If you have any access requirements or questions about the Youth Project Grants, please email: Lucy Loveday: RoyalDocksEvents@london.gov.uk

We will also provide specific support and advice to those applying for the youth grants, particularly if this is your first time applying for a grant, so please do get in touch if you would like some 1 2 1 support.

**Information on Thames Barrier Park**

To help support your application, we have created an information sheet which you can access by following 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 / sustainability and will it capture the intended audience imaginations? (60%)
* Resonance for young people (particularly local young people) – will it connect with connect with young people; is created by or co-created with young people? (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 you application, choosing 1 of the two options in the How to Apply section above

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