



BRIEF: CREATIVE PROGRAMMER – COCKPIT DEPTFORD LAUNCH 2023

Cockpit is commissioning a creative programmer for our Deptford launch event, 29-30 September 2023. We seek someone with a background in live events, festivals or performance and strong connections in Lewisham.

ABOUT COCKPIT

Cockpit is a centre of excellence in contemporary craft. Bridging the gap between talent and opportunity, our mission is to equip makers to succeed, creatively and commercially.

We provide funded studios, business training and coaching, and exhibition opportunities for more than 160 weavers, jewellers, woodturners, leatherworkers, potters, guitar-makers and other makers.

COCKPIT DEPTFORD 2023

2023 is a landmark year at Cockpit. With backing from the Mayor of London and the Corporation of London we are transforming our Creekside studios just in time for our 21st birthday in Deptford.

We are creating new studios and woodworking hub, as well as a new public foyer, craft garden, learning centre and mural by Amber Khokhar celebrating local stories. The project is on course to complete in August 2023, with a public opening planned for 29 and 30 September.

For the first time, we will be able to open Cockpit to the people year-round for workshops, training and experiences – a chance to discover the magic of making, be inspired by leading makers, discover a new hobby, or simply spend time with neighbours, have fun, relax and meet new people.

THE EVENT

Cockpit Deptford's opening celebration is on Friday 29th and Saturday 30th September. The event will be celebratory, joyful and involve the whole community – everyone is welcome!

On Friday, there will be ribbon-cutting with speeches, and the formal opening of the new garden and learning centre. Our makers' studios will be open, with a party and performances in the evening.

On Saturday, the studios will be open, makers will offer workshops and there'll be performances throughout the day. We envisage 5-6 performances over the weekend from a range of local creatives, both established and new on the scene.

THE ROLE

We wish to commission a programmer with strong local connections to:

- Plan and programme live performances for Cockpit Deptford's opening weekend.
- Identify and book local musicians, performers and artists in spoken word/poetry and dance.
- Manage the performance budget.
- Develop partnerships and connections with local groups, cultural venues, and businesses

You be part of the wider event team: Head of Operations Event Manager and Youth & Community Producer.

FEE

The fee for this role is £2,000.

HOW TO APPLY

To express your interest in this role, send your CV and a one-page letter stating your relevant experience to fabienne@cockpitstudios.org by 31st May 2023.