



CALL OUT FOR LGBTQI DANCE ARTIST-FACILITATORS IN SOUTH WALES

THE OPPORTUNITY

We're looking for four LGBTQI dance artists-facilitators to lead a new dance programme for LGBTQI refugees and asylum seekers in South Wales. Artist-facilitators of all dance styles and backgrounds are welcome. We're particularly interested to hear from D/deaf and disabled artist-facilitators and those from the Global Majority.

This dance programme has been running as part of Micro Rainbow's [Social Inclusion](#) work in London since 2015, and in Birmingham since 2021 and we're very excited to bring this programme to Cardiff from September 2023.

This new programme will be organised and supported by the Micro Rainbow team, an independent producer and a broader team of 11 freelance dance artists from across the other regions.

Initially this programme will comprise four, 1.5 hour Body & Movement sessions in Cardiff, one a month from September to December 2023, dates/times below:

Wednesday 27 September 5.30-7pm

Wednesday 25 October 5.30-7pm

Wednesday 22 November 5.30-7pm

Wednesday 13 December 5.30-7pm

Prospective South Wales Dance artists will get the opportunity to meet local beneficiaries and co-lead these initial sessions with a Dance Artist from the existing creative team.

From January 2024 the Cardiff programme, led by the new South Wales dance artists, will follow the same pattern as London and Birmingham programmes, with 2 Body & Movement sessions per month, and 2 creative projects per year.

This is a paid role. Dance artists are paid for leading sessions/projects and at rate of £165 for 1.5 hours and £220 for a full day, for planning and evaluation meetings at a rate of £110 per session.

Micro Rainbow strives to be equitable and inclusive and we are committed to making reasonable adjustments to support access requirements. Please let us know if you would like to discuss the working environment, arrangements, access requirements or potential adaptations, or have questions around access and inclusion.

HOW TO APPLY

If you are an LGBT+ Dance artists based in South Wales and are interested in this opportunity please complete this [google form](#) or email louisa.borgcostanzipotts@gmail.com by **9am on Monday 3rd July 2023**.

Once expressing your interest in this opportunity, the programme producer Louisa will contact you to invite you to a group recruitment and information conversation on Zoom on **5th July 2023, 5.30-6.30pm**

If you have any access requirements you would like us to be aware of, please email louisa.borgcostanzipotts@gmail.com

Attending the recruitment conversation is compulsory if you'd like to become one of the artist-facilitators of the programme in South Wales.

The conversation will be with Fearghus Ó Conchúir (one of the Creative Team and Artistic Strategy Lead) and Jill Power (Micro Rainbow's Director of Social Inclusion). The aim of the conversation is to get to know you, to share more information about the ethos of Micro Rainbow and to answer your questions about the programme and the role.

If you'd like to be an artist-facilitator, we'll also ask you to attend one of the sessions so you can see what it's like in practice, before inviting you to join the Cardiff creative team.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE DANCE PROGRAMME

Dancing together is a way to find joy, fun and affirmation in our own physicality, to express our creativity and to build a supportive and safe community. For LGBTQI+ refugees and asylum seekers who often experience isolation and low self-esteem as a result of inhospitable experiences, Micro Rainbow's body and movement programme offers an important space to

help LGBTQI+ refugees and asylum seekers to overcome social exclusion, increase their confidence and fulfil their potential.

The body and movement programme is funded by the Paul Hamlyn Foundation and is organised and delivered by a Creative Team of independent dance artists-facilitators and a producer. The sessions happen every two weeks, currently in London and in Birmingham and last approximately 90-120 minutes with time before and after for some socialising and checking in with the Micro Rainbow staff that support the sessions. The artists, who lead the sessions in pairs, bring a range of different dance experience and styles to the sessions, so there's always a variety of different kinds of dance and choreography to enjoy. The emphasis is on welcoming and including everyone, making connections and having a good time. People who attend describe the sessions as relaxing and energising, helping them to lift their mood or ease their stress.

INFORMATION ABOUT MICRO RAINBOW

Founded in 2012 Micro Rainbow is the leading not for profit organisation in the UK supporting the integration of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer and intersex (LGBTQI) people who flee persecution and reach the UK in search of safety. Micro Rainbow's holistic approach to integration is based on three pillars: safe housing, social inclusion and employability support. These programmes ensure that LGBTQI refugees are not only safe but also able to live fulfilling, independent lives.

Micro Rainbow is working with partners in Wales to create more opportunities for LGBTQI refugees and asylum seekers currently living in Wales. With funding from the Paul Hamlyn Foundation, Micro Rainbow has worked with a group of independent dance artists in London and Birmingham to run regular body and movement sessions as part of its social inclusion programme.