**Diversifying Outdoor Arts 2022 – Artist offer**

**#OpenOut2022 - Opportunities for artists in Wales to create and tour new outdoor arts**

This spring, Articulture and partners across Wales and the UK launch #OpenOut2022 - a series of commissions and development opportunities for Artists who want to create and tour new outdoor arts in Wales, the UK and Ireland.

Do you have an idea for an outdoor arts project or performance?

It’s simple – just contact us to say hello.

**Opportunity #1
Create & Tour - Wales**

We have three new commissions for under-represented Artists who want to develop and tour new outdoor arts in Wales and:

* identify as D/deaf or Disabled
* are from Black and/or other Global Majority backgrounds
* and/or want to develop and present work exclusively in the Welsh language.

These commissions will be supported by leading venues and festivals from across Wales working together as the Wales Outdoor Arts Consortium (WOAC), managed by Articulture. The three resulting outdoor works will tour to the WOAC partners' locations in 2022, and Artists will receive additional performance fees accordingly.

* Artists can apply for up to £5000 to create the work
* Articulture will support the selected Artists at each stage of creating and touring the work - this can include producing, mentorship, production and marketing support
* There will also be a professional development opportunity for the selected Artists to visit ‘Out There Festival’ in Great Yarmouth (September 2022) to see new international outdoor arts and make connections.

**Opportunity #2
Create & Tour - UK & Ireland**

Two additional commissioning opportunities:

* one open to all Artists based in Wales who want to make work for the outdoors
* one specifically for Artists from under-represented groups.

These commissions are in partnership with a new ‘Four Nations’ partnership led by Surge in Scotland, bringing together four outdoor arts networks with festivals in Scotland, Ireland, Wales and England.

Each country is commissioning two new works, and all 8 works will tour to each of the four festivals in 2022.

**Opportunity #3 - Connecting & Developing Outdoor Arts Ideas**

For everybody - those with just the beginnings of ideas, those wanting to expand their networks, those with work ready to pitch - we will have a range of other opportunities for Artists developing new outdoor arts ideas in Wales in 2022.

These include -

* Networking events to share your ideas with key industry Programmers and Producers
* Ongoing surgeries with outdoor arts Producers, providing focused support to develop your idea
* In need of something else? Just get in touch

**Is it for me?**

We welcome everyone. No matter what your background or experience – please get in touch for a chat.

The spirit of #OpenOut2022 is ‘opening out’ – opening out new places, ideas and possibilities outdoors together.

We are especially keen to hear about ideas and projects that:

* Are performative and/or interactive
* Bring people from different backgrounds to collaborate together

The lead artist must be based in Wales, and the work must be intended for outdoors.

Visit the Articulture website to see outdoor arts work we have helped create in the past - <https://articulture-wales.co.uk/book/>

**Get In Touch**

If you have an idea, want to apply for a commission or would like more information,contact us to say **hello**.

You can do this by email, phone-call, text, WhatsApp or on our social media:

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Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/articulture_wales/>

**\*For Opportunity #1 - the WOAC commission - the deadline to contact us is Friday 11th March. But the sooner you get in touch, the better.**

The Articulture team can support you to develop your idea, so it’s ready to share with the WOAC partners by **Friday 25th March.**

If your idea is chosen by the partners, you will start developing your idea with support from Articulture from **Monday 18th April**.

We anticipate that touring will start in July 2022.

#**OpenOut2022 is supported by the Arts Council of Wales, Articulture and the Wales Outdoor Arts Consortium.**