

Plural Programme

Call for partners - Brazil
Artists in Residence

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Plural Artists in Residence 2021-22

Host partners brief

Introduction

About Plural

Plural is a LGBTQIA+ multi-year programme that celebrates creativity, addresses freedom of artistic expression by creating opportunities for cross-cultural experiences between Brazil and the UK with a focus in the arts. We promote open and inclusive societies by offering a safe space where a diversity of voices can flourish, building trust and understanding.

The programme aims to:

- Create an enabling environment through policy dialogues, network development to promote advocacy
- Increase collaboration, mutual understanding and appreciation between organisations in Brazil and the UK
- Provide opportunities for international engagement and practice development for UK artists and creative professionals through online events and activities
- Improve collaborative working through the Americas network to share knowledge and resources within the artistic and cultural community in the Americas and the UK.

The programme will focus on the opportunity for LGBTQIA+ emerging artists, including from vulnerable communities such as black and indigenous, placing diversity and inclusion at the heart of the programme.

About the Residence

Plural offers a four-week (or equivalent) digital residency. Hosted by a Brazilian partner, UK residents will develop new ideas, experiment with their practice and make new connections through engaging with the partners' local cultural landscape.

We will offer four residencies for UK LGBTQIA+ artists to be hosted by a Brazilian partner organisation.

Residencies are self-directed by the artist, with support and guidance from the host partner. Applicants are invited to propose a project idea to help structure their work and time. Through working with the host organisation, they will be encouraged to make new connections and explore a variety of ideas, both expected and unexpected. Residencies will have an active agenda of meetings, encounters, attending online cultural events, writing time and so on.

Residents are expected to present a digital work (for example, online exhibition, performance, etc) during the residency and engage in activities such as workshops or talks. In addition, residents are asked to document their residency to share with public audiences.

For four digital residencies, artists will remain based in their home location for the duration, using digital tools to connect with the host and local scene. The four weeks of the residency can be completed flexibly to support artists access or caring needs. In addition to an honorarium, artists will receive support in costs for their work production of a sharing/performance. Host organisations will provide their time and support, and connections into the local cultural sector.

Objectives

- Build relationships between artists, organisations and communities in Brazil
- Offer extraordinary experiences which enable LGBTQIA+ artists to develop their artistic practice, experiment with new ideas and ways of working
- Open up opportunities for LGBTQIA+ in international marketplaces
- Enable cultural organisations to work differently and strengthen practices through hosting LGBTQIA +

About

Plural Artists in Residence is open to LGBTQIA+ UK artists all genres. We will look to match individuals with host partners' own interests as much as possible. Artists may be performers, visual artists, designers, film makers, writers, etc.

Residents are selected through an application and interview process and must demonstrate:

- Previous experience in successfully leading on creative ideas and processes
- Interest in making new connections with other creators, organisations and communities
- Flexibility and resilience – to work outside of their comfort zone

In addition, we will look for individuals with **strong communication skills, both written and verbal, in English language**. An ability to connect, collaborate and create via digital tools and platforms will also be essential.

Host Partners

What we're looking for

We are looking for four non-profit Brazilian organisations to join us as hosting partners on the programme. We are open to organisations from all disciplines from arts and culture sector, for example: museums, festivals, cultural institutions and beyond, for example, organisations working in science and technology.

We'd like to work with partners who:

- Are eager to host a UK LGBTQIA+ artist in residence and can support them throughout the programme

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- Are embedded in the local arts and cultural landscape and can offer connections to the resident
 - Are able to articulate a distinct offer to potential residents (e.g., through their programme, place/community, history/collection)
 - Will approach the programme flexibly and open to stretching their ways of working
 - Want to share and tell the story of the residency to an engaged public audience
 - Are willing and able to help the resident artist connect and engage with relevant social media and wider media
 - May be able to contribute in-kind resources as needed to support residency ambitions

Partner responsibilities

- Contribute to the resident selection process, reviewing applications and participating in interviews along with the British Council staff in Brazil
- Host the resident, and be their main point of contact, providing support throughout the residency
- Work closely with the resident to build their itinerary, setting up online meetings and making introductions to local contacts
- Provide ad-hoc English interpretation during residency activity (e.g. one-to-one meetings) as needed
- Produce an online sharing/work-in-progress/short performance with the resident for local and (where possible) international audiences
- Commit marketing/communications time and resource to help tell the story of the residency
- Contribute to the residency evaluation
- Pay the UK resident's fee and additional costs according to the budget item.

Budget

- The total budget for each selected Brazilian partner organisation is **R\$ 65.000,00 (sixty five thousand reais)**
- The resident's fee is included in the budget
- The Brazilian organization will pay for the UK artist fee
- No extra costs are expected from the partner organisation

Costs	R\$ (Brazilian Reais)
Brazilian Partner Producer time	R\$ 12.000,00
Production Costs (sharing/work-in-progress/performance/online exhibition, etc)	R\$ 26.000,00
UK resident´s honorarium	R\$ 22.000,00
Running costs (wire transfer, taxes, etc)	R\$ 3.000,00
Contingency	R\$ 2.000,00
Total	R\$ 65.000,00

Translation/ interpretation costs are incurred in the residence grant. Residents should have **strong communication skills, both written and verbal, in English language.**

Contract

- Contract will be with the British Council in Brazil (Associação Conselho Britânico).

Timeline

- Brazilian partners announced: **13 October 2021**
- Residency: **January 2022**
- UK Artists Selection: **October/November 2021**
- Online event: **February/ March 2022**
- A fully detailed timeline will be confirmed with the host partners.

How to apply

To apply to become a Brazilian host partner, please complete the expression of interest by **23:59 BRT, Monday 4 October 2021**. Late applications will not be considered.

Complete the [online](#) expression of interest form.

Your expression of interest will be reviewed by a panel the British Council´s team against the criteria in the partner brief.

The team may invite some applicants for a further conversation before making a final selection.

We look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, please contact [Effie Vourakis](#) on effie.vourakis@britishcouncil.org