

West London Story Research & Development Bursaries 2009 Guidelines

"What distinctive and innovative work do you want to create to tell West London's Stories?"

The **West London Story** will create a national and international platform for any art form, or collaborations of art forms, to showcase new work of artistic excellence that is rooted in local, West London stories and experiences.

The **West London Story Forums 2009** are the catalyst for creative and artistic people to develop small, middle and large scale, distinctive and innovative work telling the stories of West London. The aim of the **Research and Development Bursaries 2009** is to support the development of this work. Each work will actively involve people who live in West London in the creative process. The final works will be shown, take place or be offered in some format in West London.

This first research and development phase will be complete by July 2009 to coincide with next Cultural Olympiad Open Weekend* which will take place between 24-26 July 2009. Four bursaries are available. Each are for an amount up to £1,500.

The longer term intention is for there to be future opportunities in 2010 & 2011 to:

- a) apply for future small research and development bursaries
- b) work with the Western Wedge to further develop project plans including identifying funding to produce work.

* The Open Weekend has been announced by The London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games and is part of the celebrations to mark the three year countdown to the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games on 27th July 2012.

What we will fund

The bursaries will be used to develop and research creative ideas. Between April – July 2009 it is expected that 2/3 of the time will be spent developing the actual work and 1/3 of the time will be spent developing the project plan required to realise the longer term ambitions for the work beyond July 2009.

The successful applicants must undertake to fulfil **all** the following points by July 2009:-

- realise a tangible element of the creative project between 24 – 26 July 2009. This can include a work in progress performance, a piece of creative writing, an exhibition, dvd, or open rehearsal as agreed with the Western Wedge etc
- develop a concrete project management plan with realistic milestones and personnel involved
- identify groups and communities in West London to work with to further develop ideas
- identify where the project will take place
- identify the target audience for the work
- write a comprehensive and realistic budget
- commit to working with the Western Wedge to identify future funding to realise projects

What we will not fund

- applications for projects already started or planned to start before the relevant application deadline
- ideas which do not include the active involvement of West London's communities i.e. residents or community groups or schools etc
- ideas which are not clearly identifiable as coming out of West London
- ideas which will not be shown or take place or offered in West London

Who is eligible to apply?

- anyone with a creative and innovative idea who **lives** / **works** or undertakes **part time study** in one of the following Boroughs –Brent, Ealing, Hammersmith & Fulham, Harrow Hillingdon, Hounslow or Kensington & Chelsea
- any artform or any collaborations of artforms

Who is ineligible to apply?

- anyone who is currently undertaking a **full time** course of study
- anyone who is under 18 years of age
- anyone who cannot show a clear link through their application to West London

How to apply

Fill in an application form. Forms are available at each of the West London Story Forums or from www.westernwedge.org.uk

Email the completed applications (*compulsory*), cv's (*compulsory*) and images / footage links (*optional*) to info@westernwedge.org.uk

The application deadline is **Midday Monday 23 March 2009**.

The Western Wedge is the arts co-ordination partnership for West London. It has a history of working proactively across the sub-region to develop programmes of work, network initiatives, research and artistic briefs. Western Wedge member boroughs are Brent, Ealing, Hammersmith & Fulham, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow, and Kensington & Chelsea.

The **Western Wedge** is leading on West London's Cultural Offer for the 2012 Olympics. It aims to work with local talent on an international scale. West London's cultural programme is called The West London Story. The basis for this idea came from the '**West London Cultural Offer 2012**' (**July 2006**) available to download from www.westernwedge.org.uk