



Programmed by:



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Talking Loud and Saying Summat

Beam has joined forces with A Firm of Poets in an exciting new collaboration to programme and deliver Wakefield Lit Fest 2017, which aims to celebrate and develop reading, writing and debate with new audiences and participants.

For this year's festival we have adopted a different approach to focus our resources on delivering activity with a range of partners predominately over the 2 weekends that bookend the festival dedicated to 4 individual themes.

Saturday 23 September – Sunday 1 October 2017

Saturday 23rd - Poetry for the People

Sunday 24th - Beautiful Minds

Saturday 30th - We Need to Talk About Music

Sunday 1st - Wakefield Rising

Whilst we will be focusing on programming the days listed above we want to support anyone that is delivering relevant events and activity within the period to use the Lit Fest brand and marketing opportunities via the website and social media

'Seed Fund Programme' 2017

We will be dedicating the 'Wakefield Rising' Day to local creatives and will secure a venue to provide a platform and maximise audiences for all activities. We have a small amount of seed funding available to support activity during this day and would like to invite people with great ideas celebrating reading, writing and words, to submit an event proposal as part of Wakefield Rising on Sunday 1 October.

The 'Seed Fund' can provide some funding and support to deliver your event alongside marketing support and other benefits. All events selected will be included in our main Lit Fest programme, and we will work with you to promote the event through our website and social media channels, e-bulletins and festival press activity.

The festival is supported by Arts Council England, Wakefield Libraries and others.

Beam want to enable groups and individuals from across the city and district to get involved with the festival by producing their own independent events. We're looking to support up to 8 projects and are seeking proposals for events or activity.

Your event could be a reading, a spoken word performance, poetry, a book launch – let us know what you would like to do – we're open to your ideas! You don't have to be a seasoned event producer – we can give one-to-one advice to successful applicants who would like support to help get their event off the ground.

Projects selected to be part of the Seed Fund Programme could be eligible to receive up to £200 to help deliver their activity. Please note funding is limited.

How to Apply

- Preference will be given to applicants from the Wakefield District
- All Seed Fund activity must have a designated lead who will be the key contact with the festival team and who will be responsible for submitting event information and a brief evaluation about the activity upon completion
- Please complete the attached application form to apply

Please send completed proposals electronically to:

Ralph Dartford, Creative Programmer
ralph@afirmofpoets.com

Deadline for Proposals: 12noon - Monday 3 July 2017
We will contact you by: Friday 7 July 2017
Event information for brochure required by: Friday 14 July

APPLICATION FORM ATTACHED

Further Information about Wakefield Lit Fest:

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