



**Tinderbox Theatre Company**  
Presents

# INCUBATE



**A creative network for theatre makers**  
January - November 2023

# WHAT IS INCUBATE?

Tinderbox are establishing a brand new network for Theatre Makers in Belfast, called INCUBATE. This network will create space for artistic connection, communication and creativity. The development of the network will be facilitated and led by Tinderbox, but guided by the artists involved. Together we will establish an environment for the development of ideas supported by a network of artistic peers.

Our aim is that during their engagement with the network, artists will be supported to develop their own craft and practice; to nurture their creativity and artistic selves; to further theatre making in our community.

Throughout the duration of the network, each engaged artist will develop their own practice and body of work; this might be working on a new piece for presentation, creating a body of research, or exploring routes for presentation both on this island and internationally.

This is not a job opportunity or a direct commission to work with Tinderbox. Rather it is a space to develop yourself as an artist and develop your work, supported by a network of peers and facilitated by Tinderbox Theatre Company.

# WHY?

We really truly believe in the power of artists - of individuals or groups of creatives who are using theatre in innovative ways to explore our world and create new ideas or questions for the stage.

We want to nurture and encourage the Theatre Makers in our city and community to use their artistic practice to create work which, by its existence, challenges and questions the structures and hierarchies that we live and work in.

We believe in the power of art to make change in our society, but for that to happen – artists need to believe in themselves. We want to create a space for artists to come together to be artists. To experiment, collaborate, and question in a space that is safe, respectful and without the pressure of judgement.

This is your permission to be an artist. This is your invitation to make work supported by Tinderbox and a network of peers.

# WHO IS IT FOR?

This opportunity is for people who are Theatre Makers.

By this, we mean those who make theatre outside the traditionally defined structures that we are used to in theatre production.

This might mean you are a writer/performer, a performer making a solo show, a dancer who uses video, a maker who works with a focus on devising, an illustrator using projection and music, or an ensemble or individual who are artistic/theatrical jack-of-all-trades. The term Theatre Maker is open and self-defining. We believe it to be a fluid and welcoming term.

All the team members at Tinderbox started their careers this way – and continue this as part of their practice today. We believe that this is where and how some of the most existing work gets made.

# WHERE & WHEN

The sessions will take place in person in Belfast.

There will be some opportunity for online engagement where access needs necessitate this.

We will work in a variety of sites – exploring the potential of using traditional and non-traditional sites for making theatre and performance.

The first iteration of the network will run from January – November 2023.

Our first facilitated session will be in January 2023.

We will then meet, with check-ins and artistic support sessions provided by Tinderbox and the network.

# **Apply for INCUBATE**

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**to apply for INCUBATE, simply fill in the application by clicking the link below.**

**<https://forms.gle/4sgiSqfTB8wiAFch7>**

**If you have any questions, please contact Alice via [alice.malseed@tinderbox.org.uk](mailto:alice.malseed@tinderbox.org.uk)**

**DEADLINE: 19TH December 2022**

