



CREATIVITY & WELLBEING WEEK 2026

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Creativity and Wellbeing Week 2026 Commissions: Terms and Conditions

[London Arts and Health](#), as part of [Thrive LDN's London Mental Health and Climate Coalition \(LMHCC\)](#) are pleased to launch a series of commissions for Creativity and Wellbeing Week 2026. The London Mental Health and Climate Coalition will work over three years to support Londoners in tackling climate change while also improving their mental health.

The project is funded by the National Lottery Community Fund via Thrive LDN.

About Creativity and Wellbeing Week

Our national festival of Creative Health: Creativity and Wellbeing Week is an amazing platform to champion, celebrate creative health across the country. This year our festival theme is “**Critical Hope**” (for acute times).

“**Critical hope**” reflects the ability to realistically assess the environment through a lens of equity and justice while also envisioning the possibility of a better future. Championed as an idea by Paulo Freire, "critical hope" is an active, necessary, and realistic, rather than passive or naive, stance against oppression and despair, deeply rooted in his work Pedagogy of Hope.

Our commission seeks applications from anyone working across the intersections of climate change, mental health, creativity, culture, health and wellbeing.

How can we hold onto critical hope in our creative health work, acknowledging the difficult times we all face but through a lens of culture and creativity?

[Apply now](#)



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We are looking for six (6) organisations, individuals, coalitions, places, people, projects or partnerships who are looking to elevate their work through the lens of our national festival of creative health: Creativity and Wellbeing Week, and our theme “Critical Hope”.

Commissions are worth £750 and we are seeking to commission six (6):

- Four (4) within London and -
- Two (2) nationally within England.

In the application form we will ask you 5 questions:

- Tell us about your work and how it relates to our festival, climate change and mental health.
- Tell us in no more than a few sentences how this event will help shape your future work, connections or ideas.
- What shape your event might take: where it will take place, who will attend?
- A basic budget breakdown: for example what you might pay panelists, workshop leaders, venue hire costs or bursaries for attendees.
- How can you support the festival e.g. do you have social media channels, newsletters or ways to communicate about the event?

THE OFFER

Each selected commission will receive £750 to stage an event or workshop that explores how their creative health work might support mental health and climate action.

What you will receive:

- £750 payable in two amounts: 80% pre and 20% post event;
- A supportive online session exploring how to develop your event and get it live;
- Promotion and marketing of your event through Creativity and Wellbeing Week platforms;
- Support with creating assets for your event.



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ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply you must:

- Deliver your event in person within London or England;
- Agree to your event attendees completing the project monitoring and evaluation form;
- Be available to deliver your event between 18-24th May 2026.

In line with our values we will look to prioritise underserved and marginalised people recognising that health inequalities must be addressed through our work and that we prioritise equity in all our projects.

We will score applications on how they meet the themes of our festival and how they speak to climate change and mental health.

Unfortunately applicants who do not meet the eligibility criteria in their application will not be considered.

DATES AND AVAILABILITY

By completing this application form you confirm you are free and able to participate in the following sessions on the following dates (*please note, these may be subject to change*):

- Monday 13th April 2026, 10am: online kick off for commissioned events - **you must be available to attend this;**
- W/c 18th May 2026-24th May 2026: you will deliver your event.

HOW TO APPLY

- Applicants must become a free member of London Arts and Health [here](#)
- Applications are open now via this form: <https://form.jotform.com/260503885422052>



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- Applications close at 5pm on the 30th March 2026.
- Shortlisting of applicants happens between 31st March - 2nd April 2026.
- Successful applicants will be informed on the 7th April.

Within the application form, there are several fields which are mandatory to complete. This will help us to make our decision. Applicants can also opt to submit a video or audio recording as their application, which must not exceed 5 minutes in length. It must fully answer all the questions in the application form. Video or audio recording applications can be emailed to: info@londonartsandhealth.org.uk and the email header must be clearly marked: "Application to Creativity and Wellbeing Week commissions". You can use a service like [WeTransfer](#) to send your video files if they are too large to send by email.

Expenses: there will be no additional fee for out of pocket expenses beyond the commission fee.

Tax: Recipients must declare and confirm that they should have responsibility for all income tax liabilities and national insurance or similar contributions in respect of the commission and accordingly you agree to indemnify the partner organisations in respect of any claims that may be made by the relevant authorities against us in respect of income tax and national insurance or similar contributions relating to your services under these terms and conditions.

VAT: All fees invoiced for must be inclusive of VAT.

Conduct

By completing this application form, if you are selected for the programme you agree to the following:

- To devote your time, attention and skill to delivering an event for Creativity and Wellbeing Week on the dates as stipulated as above;
- To the best of your ability, promptly and faithfully to comply with and observe all



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lawful, reasonable and proper requests that we may from time to time give to you.

- Not to undertake any additional activities or accept any other engagements that lead or might lead to a breach of this agreement and/or a conflict of interest between you and our best interests.
- To comply with all reasonable standards of safety and comply with our health and safety procedures from time to time in force at the premises where the Services are provided and report to us any unsafe working conditions or practices.
- To comply with London Arts and Health's policies on Data Protection [here](#).
- By receiving a commission, you consent to sharing your email address with [Thrive LDN](#), the coordinating partner of the [London Mental Health and Climate Coalition \(LMHCC\)](#) for the purposes of sharing updates about the LMHCC project and opportunities to get involved. You can withdraw your consent at any time by contacting info@thrivedn.co.uk.
- You must promptly notify us in the case of illness or accident that prevents you from engaging with the delivery of your event in accordance with these terms and conditions.

Termination of your commission

Your commission may be terminated by either party by giving not less than two weeks' notice in writing to the other party.

If your event is cancelled or other circumstances arise beyond your control we may terminate the contract with immediate effect by written notice to you and you will not receive payment for work completed.

In addition, we have the right to terminate this contract at any time by summary notice without any payment in lieu in the event of you:

- Being in material or persistent breach of any of the terms of these terms and conditions;



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- Being convicted of any criminal offence other than a minor driving offence under the Road Traffic Acts;
- Doing any action manifestly prejudicial to our interests or which may, in our opinion, bring the partner organisations into disrepute;
- Committing any breach of our policies or procedures.

If you have any questions, please contact Anna Woolf at London Arts and Health:
info@londonartsandhealth.org.uk