

NoFit State Circus: Transitions Project

The Transitions Project is a circus artist and teacher development programme, run by NoFit State Circus and funded by the Arts Council of Wales. Details of the full programme will be launched in September 2018.

This element of The Transitions Project is aimed at young aspiring circus performers in the early stages of their professional career.

What is the Young Artist Transitions Project?

The Young Artist Transitions Project is aimed specifically at Welsh youth circus graduates and young artists living, studying or working in Wales, who wish to pursue a professional career in circus.

This project aims to bridge the gap between graduating from youth circus and the next steps of your career progression. Whether it means securing a place in a circus school in UK, Europe or further afield or by continuing independent training. The project will run over 12 months and will offer the following opportunities:

- **Masterclasses:** There will be up to 10 masterclasses (half day sessions) introducing different technical and creative approaches to circus. These will be curated to address specific needs and interests of the selected participants.
- **Act Creation Sessions:** Support to create acts for use in auditions through providing space to train and an outside eye to offer creative feedback. Feedback will be sourced from a specialist that is most relevant to your discipline and/or artistic inquiry, as well as from members of the audition panel from the UK based schools.
- **Performance Opportunities:** You will be invited to be part of a NoFit State Youth Circus production of Circus Mundi. This is the most ambitious Youth Circus project to date, commissioned by Courtyard Theatre. Circus Mundi will be performed as part of a Family Festival on the 31st of October in Hereford. More performance opportunities to be introduced along the way.
- **Teacher Training Workshops and UK based Skills Exchange Visits:** To increase your skills repertoire and provide complementary learning opportunities.
- **Mentoring:** You will have the opportunity to meet with a creative mentor to develop and extend your creative practice. As part of this you will be supported to develop a **Personal Development Plan** charting the next steps needed to progress in your chosen aspiration.

The project will be able to support up to 8 individuals that fit the following criteria:

- Are age 18-25 years old
- Have been part of a Youth Circus group at any point in the past
- Can demonstrate a strong connection with Wales (such as residency or attendance to a Welsh Youth Circus)
- Are serious about pursuing a career in circus and would benefit from the support offered by the Young Artist Transitions Project

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How to apply:

Please send the following to: youthcircus@nofitstate.org

1. Your up to date CV, which along with details of your education and circus training must include your full name, home address and date of birth
2. Contact details for a referee, email and telephone number, preferably a former circus trainer
3. Cover letter (max. 1 page of A4) including:
 - A short description of who you are
 - Your past circus experience
 - A description of how you hope for your career in circus to progress
 - Details of what aspects of circus, both technical and artistic you would like to address through the masterclasses

Please feel free to attach links to show reels or training videos that you feel would support your application.

We are more than happy to accept video submissions in place of the cover letter if this is preferred.

Deadline for applications: 12 noon Friday 24 August 2018