

Revoluton Associate: Open Luton Commission

The Revoluton Associates programme provides opportunities for local creatives to develop their practice and build connections with new local audiences through projects that have a long-lasting legacy.

We are delighted to announce that we are inviting applications for up to three new commission opportunities for Luton-based artists, creative practitioners, and/or producers.

Supported by a Revoluton Arts Engagement Producer, Revoluton Associates will co-deliver creative projects that are relevant to the lives of local residents. They will work with community partners to reach a minimum of 60 local people, particularly those who may not typically engage in arts and culture, or those with less access to creative opportunities. Each project will also include Creative Assemblies forums to share and build ideas for the creative commission, attended by a minimum of 100 local people.

The Associates may deliver online and/or in-person content, with delivery taking place between September 2025 – February 2026.

In this round, we are inviting applications in response to the following briefs:

- Revoluton Associate: Bury Park
- Revoluton Associate: Farley Hill
- Revoluton Associate: Marsh Farm
- Revoluton Associate: Leagrave
- Revoluton Associate: Open Luton

NB. Applicants may apply against one brief only

Indicative Timeline:

August 2025	Panel Interviews at Marsh House
	Appointment, Induction and Project
	Planning
September 2025 – January 2026	Engagement & Co-Creation
February 2026	Showcases & Evaluation



About Revoluton Arts:

Revoluton Arts is a Luton-based arts organisation. We work with artists and communities – across a range of art forms and disciplines – to produce creative work that promotes positive futures for people and place. We provide support, resource, and mentoring to artists and emerging creative practitioners. We facilitate pathways for people to engage with creativity, as professional practitioners, participants, and as audience members.

We believe the spirit of Luton encapsulates activism, warmth, and generosity. The spirit of our work is captured in our name – Revoluton.

We are an independent arts organisation, initially established in 2015 as Luton's Creative People and Places (CPP) project funded by Arts Council England (ACE). We are based at Marsh House in Leagrave. In 2020, Revoluton Arts grew to become an independent organisation and in 2024 we gained charity status. We remain the lead for Luton's CPP.

What We Do

Our work is deeply rooted in Luton and our creative programme is co-created with communities. We design and produce creative and cultural programmes that are resonant and relevant to local audiences. We are committed to communities taking the lead. We work collaboratively to co-create events and programmes that inspire and support engagement with creativity in all its forms – from Kashmiri textile design in schools through to large scale outdoor arts events.

Our Vision, Mission and Values

Our vision is for communities to connect through creativity, locally and globally, uniting to define their positive futures.

Our mission is to unite communities and creatives as the collective catalyst for change. We locate Luton in the world. We do this by connecting the people of Luton with standout creative practitioners – locally and beyond – to create cultural activities that bring positive change for people and place.

Our values are:

- **Agency** (affirming the voice, choice, and power of marginalised communities to bring positive change)
- **Belonging** (celebrating place, and creating a sense of acceptance and freedom)
- **Connection** (uniting people and forming partnerships towards a common purpose)
- **Creativity** (nurturing talent, promoting everyday creativity, and producing creative work made in Luton)
- **Opportunity** (providing and promoting access to arts and creativity for leisure, learning, and livelihood)



About the commission

Through this commission, Revoluton Arts will appoint a Revoluton Associate based in Luton to produce a creative project that engages Luton residents. The commissioned artist will follow recent Open Luton residencies, including Dionne Ible's <u>Pieces of Legacy</u>, Haneefah Mohammed's <u>UnBroken and OutSpoken</u>, and Hayley Bromell's <u>Luton Irish Heritage</u>. The Associate will also be supported by the wider Revoluton Arts team and will be part of a cohort of Associates based in other parts of Luton.

We are inviting applications from artists, creative practitioners and/or producers, based in Luton. Applicants should be motivated to connect with the community and be open to working collaboratively with local residents, and community partners.

Total budget: £5,000

Key outputs:

- Convene Creative Assemblies, attended by a minimum of 100 local residents
- Reach a local audience of 60 people or more

How to apply:

Please submit:

- A CV and/or online portfolio
- A statement explaining your idea for a creative project (max 2 sides of A4)
- A budget outlining how you would deliver the creative project within £5000

Within your statement, you should include:

- Which <u>one</u> of the following Revoluton Associate commissions you wish to apply for (Revoluton Associate: Bury Park; Revoluton Associate: Farley Hill; Revoluton Associate: Marsh Farm; Revoluton Associate: Leagrave; Revoluton Associate: Open Luton)
- The type of creative and/or cultural projects you'd like to initiate in your chosen area
- The approaches you'd take to connect with the community to engage people in a process of co-creation in your chosen area
- Your relevant experience, working collaboratively with artists, the community, and local partners
- Your links with the community and how you will build on this
- Any partners you'd like to involve

Revoluton Arts will accept the following formats for the statement: Written statement that is no more than 2 sides of A4; Video submission that is no longer than 5 minutes; Audio submission as an MP3 or WAV file, that is no longer than 5 minutes. Please clearly label your files with your name.



Please send your submission to: hello@revolutonarts.com

Deadline: Monday 11 August 2025, 10am

Interviews will be held on 27 August 2025

Please note that successful candidates must have a valid DBS and Public Liability Insurance or be willing to obtain them in advance of commission delivery.

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