



## **Call for Artists!**

**Didsbury Arts Festival 2015**

**Saturday 20 – Sunday 28 June**

Artists and performers are invited to take part in an exciting, new challenge at Didsbury Arts Festival 2015.

Next year's festival (20 to 28 June) introduces the theme of *In-between Places* to celebrate Didsbury's unique position as both vibrant suburb and green retreat; an 'in-between' place where city and country meet. We are excited to announce that for the first time we will be commissioning five new works to explore this theme and to headline the festival alongside our usual open submissions programme.

Explained DAF Director, Daniel Williamson: "We are encouraging artists and audience to explore urban landscape and the sense of place in general, or specifically in relation to Didsbury. We are interested in what it takes to escape from what H.G. Wells described as 'the whirlpool cities' and explore hidden suburban gems."

Following a break in 2014, DAF is back with a brand new look and under new leadership. Daniel Williamson replaces former DAF Director, Maria Stripling, who remains involved as Chair of the new DAF Board.

Said Daniel: “This thriving community arts festival has gone from strength to strength since its inauguration five years ago. I am delighted to have joined the DAF team at such an exciting time and I look forward to contributing as DAF continues to grow and develop.’

The artist submissions process is now open, with information and application forms available on the DAF website. The deadline for all artist submissions is 16 February 2015. Local organisations and businesses are also invited to support the event by providing venues or through sponsorship and donations of goods and services. Details are available on the website.

Since its inception in 2009, DAF has become a key event in Didsbury, showcasing a huge range of local and national talent and attracting audiences of up to 5,000 across the local area.

Visit the new-look DAF website at:

<http://www.didsburyartsfestival.org>

Anyone wishing to discuss ways in which they would like to get involved should contact: [info@didsburyartsfestival.org](mailto:info@didsburyartsfestival.org)

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