

## My Shout: Theatre commission

Farnham Maltings is looking to commission and present a new piece of theatre which will be created and performed by elders from the Farnham area.

### 'My Shout'

This new creation will be one of four pieces of art created by elders for '[My Shout](#)', a [Celebrating Age](#) project (an initiative funded by Arts Council England and the Baring Foundation). My Shout aims to challenge stereotypes of ageing and present a vibrant and surprising alternative for what it means to grow old in England. We want to enable elders from our community to create art that has integrity, resonance and perhaps a touch of mischief.

### Theatre performance

We will commission a theatre maker (an individual or small group) to work with a newly-formed group of elders to workshop, devise, develop and create a new performance. The theatre maker(s) will be responsible for leading the group, as well as writing, rehearsing and directing the performance. They will also produce the technical and design aspects of the production (although we can work with you to bring in the right people, as required).

The production will be a short performance of up to 30 minutes. The performance will be presented as part of Spark Youth Arts Festival and the audience is likely to be predominately young people living in Surrey.

We are looking for makers that can demonstrate their ability to work on bold, considered ideas with communities.

### The commission

The commission is for £10,250 to cover all the associated costs of developing, rehearsing, producing and directing a short finished performance. This will include all fees and expenses for the theatre maker(s) along with a team to include stage management, technical and design costs. All rehearsals and the performance at Spark will be in Farnham, Surrey.

Farnham Maltings will provide all rehearsal space, performance venue and marketing. We will also lead on recruiting participants, with the advice and support of the theatre maker(s). The participants for My Shout will include some people we already know from our existing arts projects as well as those new to us; all participants will be aged 55+ (with at least 20% aged 75+).

We envisage that the theatre maker(s) will work with the group one afternoon a week for January – March 2018, in preparation for the performance at Spark Festival on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018.

**Projected timeline:**

1. Theatre maker(s) to be selected by end of July 2017.
2. Idea to be developed in consultation Farnham Maltings in August 2017, with print to recruit participants ready for early September 2017.
3. My Shout launch event (probably 2-4pm, Thu 28 Sept) and recruiting participants until end of November 2017.
4. Introductory gathering for elders group, theatre maker(s) and Farnham Maltings in December 2017.
5. Workshops, creation and rehearsals between January and March 2018.
6. 20-30 minute performance at Spark Youth Arts Festival Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018; other performances may be arranged.
7. Project evaluation in March/April 2018.

**How to apply:**

1. Submit a **two-page proposal** detailing the following:
  - a. Explain your experience and your own theatre practice that demonstrate your suitability for this project.
  - b. Show how you would set about achieving the goals of My Shout. (Please include roles/names of wider team, if known).
  - c. A suggested schedule of how you might work on this project
2. **Closing date 12pm, Thursday 20 July**, please send proposals by email to [christine.lee@farnhammaltings.com](mailto:christine.lee@farnhammaltings.com).
3. Interviews will take place on Friday 27 July, 2017 at Farnham Maltings.