

PEOPLE, POWER, PASSION: 2019 PROGRAMME REFERENCE DOCUMENT

This document has been designed to support applicants responding to one or more of the lead artist commissions for Luton Council's 2019 pilot year of culture programme 'People, Power, Passion'. It should be used as a guide only and details are subject to change. Applicants must refer to the lead artist commission briefs to apply.

Month and location	1919 Peace Day riots timeline (for reference only)	Project summary	Promotional blurb	Commission fee and budget
May Online	Unrest spreading through Luton and England	Digital/live art A digital participation project that requires participants and audiences to get involved online, exploring how the 24-hour news cycle and social media has changed how civic unrest develops.	<i>From May, join in online to experience how messages of unrest were spread in 1919 compared to today. From 1919's hand-written letters and newspapers to today's tweets and the 24-hour news cycle, just how modern is the concept of fake news?</i>	Fee: £10,000 Total budget: £13,000
June Touring to 2-3 locations over two weeks	Unemployment worsening leading to serious poverty and dissatisfaction with government	Participatory live art/ installation An immersive, participatory project that explores the theme of unemployment and its impact on civic unrest and pride, developed with people experiencing unemployment of low-paid employment.	<i>In June, developed in partnership with a group of unemployed or low-paid Lutonians, an immersive experience will invite audiences to explore the impact of the labour market on civic unrest.</i>	Fee: £10,000 Total budget: £13,000

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July: part 1 Town Hall council chamber	The night of the riots	Theatre A community-devised theatre project that explores the themes of community voice and exclusion from decision-making. Developed in collaboration with a group of excluded Lutonians the project will be performed in the Luton council chamber.	<i>Exactly 100 years after the peace riots, join us for two spectacular events in and around the Luton Town Hall.</i> <i>A group of local residents take over the council chamber, giving a voice to those rarely heard and immersing the audience in a conversation about modern democracy and decision making.</i>	Fee: £15,000 Budget: £22,000 + further funds to pay local performers who are experiencing unemployment
July: part 2 Outside of the Town Hall	Riots continue and rioters dance and sing as Town Hall burns	Participatory music/dance event A celebration of the music and dance of the people that call Luton home, drawing together all of the musicians and dancers of Luton into a cohesive night time event that celebrates each of our cultures and communities.	<i>Exactly 100 years after the peace riots, join us for two spectacular events in and around the Luton Town Hall.</i> <i>Join us for a celebration of the music, dance, cultures and communities of Luton. Return to the very same spot where in 1919 as the town hall burned, pianos were stolen from a nearby store and the rioters danced in the street. Put on your dancing shoes and warm up your singing voice. This time there will be more than just pianos.</i>	Fee: £15,000 Budget: £45,000 + further funds to pay local participants who wouldn't otherwise be able to participate

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August Outer ward	The trials and convictions of the rioters	Promenade theatre/dance A promenade theatre or dance project exploring Luton's teenagers and young people and the justice system. <i>Note: not open to public commission at this stage.</i>	<i>In August, join local young people on a journey through their neighbourhood. See the world through their eyes, examining the justice system, the decisions they face, and the stories that matter to them.</i>	<i>Note: not open to public commission at this stage.</i>
September Wardown Park	Children's Peace Party at Luton Hoo (postponed from July due to riots and rain)	Outdoor Arts A one-day children's festival in Wardown Park including circus, theatre and games and offer activities for children and their families.	<i>For one day in September, children will take over Wardown Park. The Children's Peace Party will put young people at the helm of a spectacular children's festival of circus, theatre and games. Expect traditional wartime games, but not as you know them.</i>	Fee: £20,000 Budget: £40,000
October Town Centre	Rebuilding of Town Hall Moving toward a more democratic approach	Immersive digital installation An immersive installation that responds to the idea of the Luton of the future. Developed through workshop activity with local residents, this project will encourage audiences to question what they would want to see for Luton in the future and how to achieve it.	<i>For the finale, everyone in Luton is encouraged to contribute their ideas for the future of Luton. In October 2019, step inside and explore what your fellow Lutonians think makes the perfect town.</i>	Fee: £10,000 Budget: £12,500