**GANE TRUST HARDSHIP FUND**

***Introduction***Tobacco Factory Theatres is working in partnership with [The Cube Microplex](https://cubecinema.com/) to administer a hardship fund for artists and arts-workers living in the Bristol area. This fund has been generously donated by [The Gane Trust](http://www.ganetrust.org.uk/) to assist creative practitioners who are currently experiencing financial hardship due to Covid-19.

The priority is to offer some monetary support to those who have lost work and income, and are without a significant safety net.

Please note, we have included three questions which are optional. The assessment process will not take these into consideration. Your submissions to these questions will however be gratefully seen and received.

***Award Detail***

Bursaries of £500 will be distributed to 80 applicants (£40,000 total fund).

A panel of artists and producers from across Tobacco Factory Theatres and The Cube Cinema will award bursaries according to the following criteria:

1) the aim to support a broad representation of Bristol’s artistic workforce

2) prioritising those who are experiencing the greatest need

Recipients must be a freelancer with a Unique Tax Reference (UTR) number and living in or around Bristol.

The deadline for applications is **Tuesday 9 June 2020** **at 9am**, and we will be responding with a decision by 23 June 2020.

**If you have any questions please email** **theatre@tobaccofactorytheatres.com****.**

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***Application form***

*1.* What art form best describes your creative practice: are you an artist, musician, craftsperson, performer, film-maker, theatre maker, technician who is part of the creative process? If your work fits multiple or other descriptions, please specify. *(75 words maximum)*

*2.* Please also name up to three of your main artistic collaborations (i.e. other creative practitioners or organisations), to help us get a fuller sense of your work. *(75 words maximum)*

*3.* If you would like to, please share a link to an example of your work. (OPTIONAL)

*4.* Please provide a description of how Covid-19 has affected your circumstances and what your current needs are. *(150 words maximum)*

*Your answer will remain private. You do not need to include detailed financial information.
We acknowledge that hardship is being experienced by many, in a number of ways, and for multiple reasons.*

*5.* Have you already received any Covid-19 financial support from other grant-making bodies, state governments or supportive individuals?

Yes | No

If your answer is yes, feel free to share further details. OPTIONAL *(20 words maximum)*

*6.* If you would like to, please share your thoughts on how the current situation might change your artwork and creative practices. OPTIONAL *(200 words maximum)*

**Please send your completed application form, formatted as a Word document, to** **theatre@tobaccofactorytheatres.com** **by 09 June at 9am.**