



Expression of Interest form

Introduction:

The York Festival of Ideas 2018 will run from 5 to 17 June with an over-arching theme *Imagining the Impossible*. Each year the Festival programme is generated through a 'programme partnership' model where a small central Festival team at the University works with more than 90 external organisations, York academic centres and more than 100 academics to create a broad-based and diverse programme. The Festival's mission is to deliver an accessible and exciting programme designed to educate, entertain and inspire the widest possible audiences through the delivery of a largely free programme of talks, tours, workshops, performances and exhibitions. We receive very positive feedback precisely because the Festival programme is so eclectic and appeals to many interests.

Showcasing our research:

As in previous years, we are keen to use the Festival to help position the University and its research, by programming events generated by academic staff and showcasing research accessibly to a public audience. **Please note that we do not support, or include in the programme, academic conferences.** There are constraints to what we can support financially, because virtually all of the funds for the Festival are generated through grants, corporate sponsorship, donations from external organisations, trusts and foundations, alumni and friends.

The 2018 theme *Imagining the Impossible* is deliberately broad to enable all our academic colleagues to contribute across the disciplines. **However, if you struggle to take inspiration from the theme please do not be put off as we would still like to hear your ideas and we can discuss how they would work with the theme.** Festival events must excite and engage the general public about the importance, relevance and impact of research, ideas and education.

We are keen to hear from our colleagues across the institution about their ideas for events.

Expression of Interest Process

1. Complete and return an 'expression of interest' form by **Monday 23 October 2017**.

Please note, the Festival will financially support approved basic events ie portering costs where needed, basic AV costs, the costs of a visiting speaker (UK travel and one night's accommodation if required).

If your event involves multiple external speakers, the development of exhibition materials, and/or complex AV or other requirements, please state this clearly in your application and identify possible sources of additional funding.

Please note, because we do not charge our audiences, we do not provide speakers' fees.

2. All entries will be moderated by a panel that will include the three Associate Research Deans, or their representatives
3. By **Monday 6 November**, we will get back to applicants to let them know whether or not they have been successful
4. If successful you will need to submit the event details for the brochure by **27 November**

5. The Festival team will work with successful applicants to help develop the event and provide marketing and logistical support.

Please find attached an expression of interest form. On completion, please return this to yorkfestivalofideas-admin@york.ac.uk. If you have any questions or would like to meet to discuss your ideas further, please contact Naomi Richards at this email address or call 01904 322064.