



Liverpool Arab
Arts Festival

Work with us

We are looking to appoint an **Operations Assistant** to support the effectiveness and efficiency of the organisation.

Working individually and as part of a team, the Operations Assistant will support our ambitious growth plans through effective administration, financial recording and monitoring procedures. The postholder will experience a wide range of organisation tasks, including working closely with the creative team on the delivery of events and projects.

This position is the perfect opportunity for a positive, motivated and well-organised individual looking to develop a career in artist management.

If this sounds like you and believe you have the skills and experience to fulfil the role, we would love to hear from you.

Please visit our website to download the Job Description and Equal Opportunities form.

Liverpool Arab Arts Festival is committed to building the diversity of its core team to be more representative of the communities it serves, and to increase opportunities for people who are currently underrepresented in our industry.

We encourage applications from candidates of Arab and SWANA (South West Asia and North Africa) backgrounds, those who self-identify as BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Colour), d/Deaf and disabled applicants and individuals from lower socio-economic backgrounds.

Important Dates

Closing date for applications: 9am, Monday 18 September 2023.

Interviews held w/c 2 October 2023 at a fully accessible venue.

If you have any questions regarding the post, email admin@arabicartsfestival.co.uk and we will respond as soon as possible.

About Liverpool Arab Arts Festival

Our Mission

LAAF creates a platform that engages, challenges and educates communities about Arab arts and heritage, locally and globally.

Our Vision

To keep Arab arts, culture and heritage alive.

Liverpool Arab Arts Festival (LAAF) is an outstanding model of how celebrating Arab arts and culture challenges prejudice and fosters understanding between people. The organisation was founded in 1998 by Taher Qassim and members of Liverpool's long-standing Yemeni community. Their aim was to increase awareness and appreciation of Arab culture by bringing creative participatory workshops and showcases of authentic Yemeni culture into Liverpool schools. Local children were introduced to authentic Arab music, language, dancing and dress, often for the first time. This participatory and celebratory ethos continues to drive LAAF today.

LAAF has since grown to achieve national significance as the UK's longest running, most successful annual Arab arts and cultural festival. For many years, LAAF provided one of the few prominent platforms for Arab artists and creatives to present their artistic works to mainstream audiences and arts professionals in the UK and beyond.

LAAF creates a platform that engages, challenges and educates communities about Arab arts and heritage, locally and globally. We seek to bring diverse groups of people together, and to increase the public's knowledge and understanding of Arab culture and its people, while challenging and changing perceptions. The festival's scope and ambition has grown significantly in recent years, whilst maintaining a strong and impressive track record of delivery.

Education and learning opportunities continue to play a key role in LAAF's work. Our work has engaged many Arab and non-Arab participants of all ages. We deliver Arab artist-led workshops in diverse community and mainstream educational settings, thus enabling local people to meaningfully engage with the festival. Over the years, LAAF has established a successful record of cultivating underrepresented Arab creative talent, in Liverpool and beyond, by providing essential early career support that allows artists to flourish as creative practitioners. Many artists who started at LAAF have become internationally recognised artists. This work helps to demonstrate pathways to forging creative careers for young Arabs in the UK.

For more information visit www.arabartsfestival.com

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