



Do you want to be a Theatre Bristol Agent?

At Theatre Bristol we want to shine a light on independent artists* who help lead and shape the future of the arts.

We know it can be hard for independents to attend conferences and events, and that industry gatherings are often only accessible to salaried staff. That's why we offer help with tickets, travel or accommodation costs for 'TB Agents' - artists and producers who want to attend events to soak up new ideas, make contacts and represent the independent sector.

All we ask is that you write about your experience for theatrebristol.net or come up with another way to share your learning. This is an important part of the initiative that allows your learning to be shared with the performing arts sector in Bristol and beyond and we invite you to respond creatively.

We'll also send you a very short feedback form.

TB Agents bursary in a nutshell:

- Available for artists who live and/or work in the Bristol area who want to attend industry events, such as conferences or festivals (not training)
- Apply for up to £300
- We can cover tickets, accommodation, travel and other associated costs including childcare
- We ask TB Agents to share their learning in some way e.g. writing a blog, hosting an event, live tweeting
- Deadline for proposals at the end of every month
- We aim to fund twelve people each year.

How do I apply?

Email or post your proposal (1 side of A4 max.) answering the following questions:

1. Please tell us a bit about your practice.
2. What, when and where is the conference or event you want to attend?
3. Why do you want to attend this event?
4. How will you share the learning, contacts, and ideas with other people in Bristol?
5. How much money do you need? You can apply for up to a maximum of £300.

Timeline

End of each month	Deadline for proposals
First week of month	Proposals assessed according to the criteria below
Second week of month	All applicants contacted with our decision. If successful, a letter of agreement and invitation to send your invoice will be emailed to you. We'll also spread the word via theatrebristol.net and our newsletter that you are going to the event as a TB Agent in case anyone wants to find out more.
Third or fourth week of month	Once we have received your signed letter of agreement and invoice we will process the funds and transfer the money to you.
Event date	TB Agent attends event
Within 2 months	TB Agent to share their learning within two months of event date

Criteria for Assessment

What we're looking for:

- Conferences and industry events that you wouldn't normally be able to get to because you are not a salaried member of staff with expenses (not for training)
- A chance for you to represent and be a voice for the independent sector at these events
- A chance for professional development and learning for yourself
- A chance for learning **for the sector** through your sharing after the event - we're particularly interested in *how* you will share your experience and invite you to respond creatively. (You can find examples [here](#) of how others have shared their experiences including a comic strip, a video, collages and events)

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*Artists = writers, circus artists, puppeteers, dancers, live art artists, producers, directors, designers, technicians, funders, stage managers, musicians, composers, thinkers, administrators, bookkeepers, fundraisers, critics, enthusiasts, supporters... everyone who's interested in live performance is welcome.