



East Cleveland Folk Song Project Call for Songwriters

Saltburn Folk Festival invites songwriters to apply to work on an exciting Communities of Possibilities project with groups of children and young people from East Cleveland. The project will run from April 2025 to early January 2026.

Four different community groups will take part in the project. Each will be matched with a songwriter and an inclusive fee of £2,700 per group will be available. This is to cover five workshop with the children/young people, one session engaging with older people in the same communities and three performances (Saltburn Folk Festival, another South Tees Festival and a closing event for the entire project).

The songwriters will guide participants through an exploration of their community's heritage, their current lives and their hopes for the future. They will lead the co-creation of folk songs that express collective radical reimaginings of the young participants' dreams for their futures.

Applicants must be familiar with the folk genre, have successful experience working with children and young people, and have some knowledge of the geography and heritage of East Cleveland. The workshops and performances will take place in East Cleveland and/or the wider South Tees area.

A more detailed overview of the project is available, and we are happy to have informal discussions with potential applicants to answer any question you may have. Contact via email address below or phone 07415861144.

This Communities of Possibilities project is presented by Borderlands, funded by Arts Council England.

Please apply with a short bio and a statement (up to 300 words) explaining why you'd be a great person to work on this project. Email to festivaloffice@saltburnfolkfestival.com by noon on Friday 4th April 2025.



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