



**CORRIDORS COMMISSION**  
**LEVEL & QUAD Neurodivergent Creative Commission**  
**and Exhibition Opportunity**

LEVEL and QUAD are pleased to announce a joint commission and exhibition opportunity for a \*neurodivergent artist (or collective) based in the East Midlands. This opportunity will include a £1500 commission fee, plus an exhibition at LEVEL from April - June 2024 and at QUAD July - September 2024. The selected artist or collective will be able to access mentoring support from both organisations, plus optional time in the QUAD dedicated artist studio or LEVEL centre's art block.

The brief for this opportunity is open to interpretation. We do not expect artists to produce proposals or work based on their or others neurodivergent condition, rather we are keen to understand the breadth of art making being undertaken in the East Midlands today. Both exhibitions at LEVEL and then QUAD will take place in their corridor/ public areas.

Things to consider:

- We are looking for wall-based work or work that can go on digital screens
- Suitable content for display in public corridors
- Suitable for audiences including families and young people

**The Commission/ Exhibition Opportunity includes:**

- £1500 commission fee
- Costs for delivery and collection of artwork
- Mentoring and project support
- Exhibition at LEVEL mid-April - June 2024
- Exhibition at QUAD July - September 2024
- Art handler/installation of both exhibitions covered by both venues
- Marketing and social media support

## **How to apply**

To apply for this opportunity:

- CV - up to 2 sides of A4
- Complete the equal opportunities monitoring form (optional)
- Exhibition proposal - refer to further information below
- Up to ten examples of recent work/series, with title, medium, dimensions, and relevant links in a singular PDF document.
- Upload any additional supporting material (optional) - links to websites or reviews.

## **Tell us about your exhibition proposal:**

In your project proposal, please tell us:

1. Who are you/your company?
2. What is your exhibition idea? Clearly explain your exhibition idea for the two corridor gallery exhibitions. We are looking to commission at least one new work; but your proposal can include existing works also.
3. Tell us about your previous practice and who you have worked with.

We're happy to accept applications in the following formats:

- Written submission - no more than two sides of A4
- Video submission - no longer than three minutes
- Audio submission - no longer than three minutes

We are aware of potential barriers \*neurodivergent people may experience in making applications. We welcome suggestions on best ways for applicants to submit to the opportunity. We want to make sure that this opportunity is accessible for everyone. If you have any questions, or need support to complete your application, please get in touch.

Please email your application to/ or for enquiries: [programme@derbyquad.co.uk](mailto:programme@derbyquad.co.uk)

## **Timeline**

Applications open: 12 December 2023

Application deadline: 26 January 2024 at 6pm

The shortlisting and interview process will include staff from QUAD and LEVEL Centre. Shortlisted applicants will be offered access support for the interview process.

The panel is unable to provide feedback to applicants not shortlisted.

**Data privacy:** Please note that by applying you are agreeing to both QUAD and LEVEL Centre having access to your application information for selection use and contact.

\*Neurodivergent refers to individuals whose neurological development and functioning differ from what is considered typical or "neurotypical." This includes conditions such as autism, ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder), dyslexia, and others. \*By neurodivergent we include anyone who identifies as being neurodiverse/neurodivergent. We recognise that many people with personal lived experience of disability do not identify as such.

### **About LEVEL**

LEVEL Centre is a charity that celebrates the art that 'difference' makes, producing and promoting high quality contemporary work that is powerful and relevant. Everything we do has a value, our support goes beyond creativity offering experiences that make a difference. It is a combined arts centre working across visual, digital and performing arts with learning disabled adults, disabled creatives and the wider community.

- Free exhibitions that are open to the public
- Creative workshops on site and in the community
- Artist opportunities including residencies and commissions
- Creative spaces to hire for meetings and workshops

LEVEL is a National Portfolio Organisation receiving funding from Arts Council England and collaborates with local, national and international partners, organisations and artists. The work produced by LEVEL celebrates art that is powerful and relevant.

Website: [www.levelcentre.com](http://www.levelcentre.com) Social media: @LevelCentre

### **About Derby QUAD**

Derby QUAD is an international centre for engagement in contemporary art and film, based in Derby. Its year-round programme focuses on major exhibitions, professional practice for artists, mass participation, commissions, independent film and the creative use of emergent digital technologies. Derby QUAD is a charity focused on intercultural dialogue through supporting diverse audiences to engage, develop skills and contribute to contemporary culture. Year-round, QUAD's learning, education and participation programmes involve people and communities locally and worldwide in innovative arts programmes. Derby QUAD provides creative participatory and learning opportunities for people in a safe and welcoming environment for visitors and participants. We collaborate and work in partnership with others to deliver activities that make a positive impact on their lives. QUAD's Arts Programme Manager Peter Bonnell is neurodivergent, having been diagnosed with autism in 2021. Derby QUAD is an Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisation, and receives additional support from Derby City Council. Website: [www.derbyquad.co.uk](http://www.derbyquad.co.uk) Social Media: @derbyquad