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Rebel Resistors Radio Club

Free Creative Opportunity for a small group of girls Year 6

We would like to offer your school the opportunity to take part in **Rebel Resistors Radio Club**: a free creative project for girls in Year 6 as part of Norfolk & Norwich Festival's Connect & Create programme, which will have output in next years' Festival in May 2025.

Norfolk & Norwich Festival

Norfolk & Norwich Festival (NNF) shares exceptional arts experiences across East Anglia. We lead and support celebration, creativity and curiosity in our community to make our part of the world a great place to live, learn, work and play. For 17 days each May, the Festival transforms our public spaces, city streets, performance venues, parks, forests and beaches, bringing people together to experience the same brilliant and inspirational events in Norwich and around Norfolk.

Festival Connect & Create (FC&C) is the Festival's creativity and cultural participation initiative for children and young people and their communities. We work with educators, artists, and young people to improve the cultural offer for children and young people. FC&C is a year-round initiative across East Anglia: Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

Artist-in-school residences are a core element of the Festival Connect & Create initiative. The residencies provide unique creative and cultural experiences for children, developing the skills of artists and teachers in East Anglia.

Rebel Resistors Radio Club (RRRC)

RRRC builds a global, secret network of girls, preparing for the future they will inherit. Stepping into their power and controlling not just what they say but how they are heard, they create a post-digital, pirate social network that transcends digital technologies & imagines a future that belongs to them.

Action Hero's new international touring participatory project asks deep, profound questions in a playful & accessible way:

- Where are we heading?
- Where is power held?
- How will we share space together in an uncertain world?

This residency is designed to specifically explore the **writing** part of the project and will **not** be the finished article as the focus is on creative process and practice. The girls will create and record their own future manifestos for broadcast and will explore the practical side of writing.

What would this process look like in the final version of Rebel Resistors Radio Club?

- Exploring writing together and individually.
- Participating in the recording process.
- Experimenting different ways of listening.

The artist will not be focusing on the technical element during this week, i.e., building radios, but will explore and play with radios to enhance the recordings of the texts created by the girls. These will be edited together to create a short digital broadcast for them to hear and will be available on Soundcloud.

The residency will culminate in a 'Listening party' for the participants and the wider school community.

Aims of Project

- To creatively explore how girls specifically might consider what a post-digital future might hold and in what circumstances it might take place.
- To provide an opportunity for girls to explore STEM subjects using a creative approach.
- To consider what communication technologies might be in the future.
- To explore the use of digital communications around the world, particularly in countries of deprivation.
- To explore whether the creation of an alternative social network is viable in today's world.

Our residencies complement curriculum activities and are intended to provide unique artist-led experiences for CYP alongside their creative education.

Process

- NNF will identify and engage one primary school in or around Great Yarmouth. We will select a school most in need of participating in an arts-based opportunity, which includes identifying a school in a Levelling Up for Culture area.
- The school will select 10 girls, aged 11 (or thereabouts) from Year 6 to take part.
- The Artist will work closely with the school and NNF to agree how the process and outcomes will be shared.
- The Artist will deliver creative-based activities for 1 week in the primary school on either **24 to 28 March 2025** or **31 March to 4 April 2025**.
- The audio created from the residency will be showcased at an exhibition in PrimeYarc, Great Yarmouth from 19 to 23 May 2025, as part of the Norfolk & Norwich Festival.
- School representatives and the 10 participating pupils will attend the opening event on the evening of Monday 19 May to launch the exhibition.

Outcomes

- To provide an opportunity for a select group of Year 6 girls to participate in an artist-led project.
- To highlight opportunities in STEM subjects for girls through creative participation.
- To build relationships and encourage future collaboration between the participants.
- To build a sustainable relationship between Festival Connect & Create and the partnering school.
- To exhibit the work created during the residency as part of the Norfolk & Norwich Festival.

Norfolk & Norwich Festival will provide the RRRC school with:

- A partnership agreement outlining the roles and responsibilities of the artist, NNF and the school.
- Access to project impact and evaluation.
- Support and guidance throughout involvement in the project.
- Outcomes, documentation and/or legacies of the residencies are presented as part of the Norfolk & Norwich Festival.

What we ask of schools:

- To attend an online introduction to artist (approximately 1 hour).
- To identify a participating group of 10 Year 6 girls, for whom the project will have most value, and to obtain consent for participant's' image and audio to be used externally as part of the project, its exhibition and the promotion and legacy around it.
- Host the weeklong artist in residency sessions on the school site and ensure pupil and staff attendance and engagement.
- To ensure pupils and staff attendance at the opening of the exhibition at PrimeYarc on the evening of Monday 19 May.

Project timeline

January 2025	NNF to meet with school lead (online or in person at the school). Dates for artist in school residency confirmed. School and NNF partnership agreement signed and returned.
February 2025	Online project briefing with school and artist. Participating group confirmed by school.
March 2025	Artist workshops to take place in school for 1 week, happening either 24 to 28 March or 31 March to 4 April .
May 2025	Exhibition Open Evening on Monday 19 May Exhibition of the work from Monday 19 to Friday 23 May.

For more information and to register your interest contact David Stothard - Connect & Create Senior Manager: david.stothard@nnfestival.org.uk

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