

MACA Hip Hopera project register of interest form

Thank you for your interest in taking part in the Hip Hopera production.

The Hiphopera production is a project that has been developed with funding from Theatre 31, Icon Theatre, Arts Council England Youth performance partnership fund, The Church Urban Fund, and in partnership with Medway Council, Mid Kent College, The Chatham Historic Dockyard, Upside Down Dance Academy, Olby's Creative Hub and Young People United.

The Hiphopera seeks to engage young people in creating an exciting production that tells the story about the Windrush generation using a unique blend of Hip Hop, dance, classical/opera, gospel and spoken word.

What is the Windrush generation and why we celebrate it?

The Windrush generation are people from Caribbean countries who arrived in the UK between 1948 and 1971.

They arrived on a ship called the MV Empire Windrush, which arrived at Tilbury Docks, Essex, on 22 June 1948, bringing workers from Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago and other islands, as a response to post-war labour shortages in the UK.

In 2018 70 years after the Windrush generation and after a successful campaign launched by Patrick Vernon OBE to recognise the contribution of the Windrush generation by holding a national day, the government declared 22nd June as national Windrush day.

Organisations and individuals across the UK use the day as an opportunity to celebrate the significant contribution of the Windrush generation to society.

Through this project you will get the opportunity to learn more about the history and the impact of the Windrush generation in Kent and use those stories to create something amazing and ground breaking!!

What are we looking for?

We are looking for young people aged 13-25 of all backgrounds and abilities who would like to:

- Dance
- Sing
- Act
- Write/produce music
- Help with stage production
- Design costumes

- Research

What does the project involve and how much time is involved?

Throughout April we are inviting young people to send us an audition video to take part in the production. This will help us put together the team to create the music and the ideas for the production.

There will be a series of workshops and activities where you will get to learn more about Windrush to help in getting some ideas for the production. Some of these activities will be online, we may also have some visits to museums, or libraries or other places of interest.

We have a great team of dancers, musicians and artists to work with you on the production, and you will get to work with that team to create the production.
We are hoping to show the production in November 2020 at Mid Kent College in Gillingham.

How can you get involved?

If you would like to take part you, you need to complete the register of interest form and seek parental /guardian consent before can submit your video online using the following methods #WHHOPERA

Instagram tag @WHHOPERA

Or use <https://wettransfer.com/> and send to hiphopera@macacharity.org.uk

If you need any assistance with this then please do not hesitate to contact us and we can provide some help.

Your video should be no more than 2 minute long, and can be a dance piece, singing, spoken word, rap, acting out a scene from a book, play or film of your choice appropriate to your age, or if you wish to get involved in other parts of the project you can submit a brief story about yourself and what you would like to contribute to the project, for example ,help with costumes, stage management, design.

Your safety matters! So here is how we want to keep you safe.

Before submitting your videos:

- Don't use your full name
- Don't film things that might reveal your exact address, school or somewhere you go regularly (e.g. a sports club or activity)
- Don't film anyone else under the age of 18
- Wear appropriate clothing
- Keep yourself safe - don't share something that feels too personal, complicated or sad.
- Make sure the video is free from anything that is offensive to others, is not violent, does not contain anything that has a sexual nature and is appropriate for your age
- Seek help from your parents to film or upload your video

If you are worried or concerned about anything online or personal during this period please contact the MACA team, they will listen and find you to the right support.

Complete the online form at www.macacharity.org.uk (will be a hyperlink to the page on the site)

The date which you need to send us your videos is Thursday 30th April by 8pm
We will contact all applicants by the end of April with an update.

If you would like anymore information then please contact Ola or Lexi via email
hiphopera@macacharity.org.uk or call 0844 884 9502

The information we collect and why

We take your personal data very seriously We are collecting this data so that we can ensure that you meet the age criteria for the project, as well as to maintain contact with you throughout the project.

We also want to make sure that you have the consent of you parent/carer/legal guardian to take part in this project.
We also require a contact in case of an emergency.

If you are interested in receiving information about other projects for young people that MACA and its project partners deliver, then we may send you information about such activities but will not send your details to any other person without your written consent.

As our project is being funded, we are required to provide details of how we engaged young people. This will not include any personal information about you such as your name, date of birth or address. We will only provide information such as the gender, racial background and an overview of the ages of the young people that took part in the project.

If you have any requirements to enable you to participate fully in the project that you would like to share with us, then please let us know. For example, if you have a disability, or you may be a young carer and need assistance to take part then please let us know