

# Artists Brief

## University of Bristol Theatre Collection – Fox & Gill Archives Revealed Artist Commission

The University of Bristol Theatre Collection presents an exciting opportunity for an artist to co-create and deliver a series of up to six creative workshops fostering creativity and social connection inspired by the John Fox and Sue Gill Archive.

John Fox and Sue Gill were founding members of the radical theatre company Welfare State International and later Dead Good Guides. The Fox and Gill Archive (1968-present) records the artists' personal creative journeys through over 100 boxes of notebooks, research and development, photographs and recordings.

The workshops will be held on Thursdays at the University of Bristol Barton Hill Micro-campus between February-April 2026 and cater for a local community of 10-12 individuals with mixed access needs. The community group meet on Thursdays so the successful artist will need to be available on this day of the week.

### **The successful artist will have:**

- A socially engaged practice, grounded in sensitivity, collaboration and care with experience of working directly with communities
- Experience of working with archives or an interest in developing a practice of working with archives
- A practice that engages with themes of the Fox and Gill archive which include, the natural world, gardening, celebration and ceremonies.
- Good communication and interpersonal skills and the ability to adapt workshops and approaches for a range of participants and environments

### **Artist Fee:**

£4,800 based on 16 days across 2-3 months at £300.00 per day.

Separate budget for engagement activities and materials is available.

### **Applications:**

**If you are interested in applying, please read the full application which is available as a separate document.**

Applications open: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Applications close: Midnight, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026

For an informal conversation about the role and application process please contact [athene.bain@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:athene.bain@bristol.ac.uk) or [becky.peters@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:becky.peters@bristol.ac.uk).

