**Leaders Unlimited 2022**

**Are you involved in the creative sector as a practitioner and/or creative organisations? Do you want to help lead Dumfries & Galloway’s creative sector into a bright and sustainable future? If this description fits, then ‘Leaders Unlimited 2022’ is the Professional Development programme for you.**

**Applications are now invited from creatives interested in applying for a fully funded place on our creative leadership programme.**

**What is ‘Leaders Unlimited 2022’?** Our programme is not a formal educational experience - we are offering a tailored programme based around personal and creative development, leadership skills and mentoring. Facilitated by members of the DG Unlimited team and delivered by a range of artists, creative professionals and partners, the programme will be creative, engaging, supportive - and fun. Running from late January to August 2022, we require a commitment from participants to attend the introductory residential workshop on Tuesday 25th/Wednesday 26th January 2022, one full-day session per month via a mix of Zoom and ‘in-person’ workshops, as well as completing agreed self-generated assignments in between sessions.

The programme consists of -

* Working 1-2-1 with a mentor
* 6 x Workshops
* ‘Go-to-see’ visits
* 1 Residential workshop
* Self-led learning
* Group work
* Creative mini projects
* Peer education
* Partner networking
* Information sharing

**What’s in it for you?**

* Individual benefit – By the end of ‘Leaders Unlimited 2022’ you will have been supported, positively challenged, and engaged in new and shared thinking. Exploring three elements - personal development, the context in which we live and work and how we present to others - you will develop skills such as leading with confidence and inspiring others, how to engage and empower teams, project planning, building teams of volunteers, and more. The course includes a personal Learning Portfolio which will be your creative learning tool for recording your ongoing learning, ideas, and personal leadership goals
* You’ll be part of a growing, vibrant network of creative leaders who connect, share their experiences, discover new approaches and champion the region’s diverse creative sector.
* **Who can apply?** We’re looking for 10 creativesliving and working right here in Dumfries and Galloway.
* **3 places for 18 – 25 years**: Emerging artists, creative practitioners, arts administrators, or project officers with at least 1-year volunteering or working experience in a creative practice or an arts or creative organisation in Dumfries and Galloway.
* **7 places for 26 + years:** Established artists, ***creative*** practitioners, arts administrators, or project managers with at least 3yrs experience working as a professional artist or within an arts or creative organisation, and who can demonstrate a track record of commitment to the development of the arts in Dumfries and Galloway.

Places are fully funded through DGU’s Creatives Unlimited Project, with support from Creative Scotland, the Holywood Trust and Dumfries & Galloway Council.

**How to apply -** Complete our expression of interest form, add a brief resume of your background and experience, and include a short creative personal statement about your aspirations as a creative leader within your area of expertise and make it as creative as you are! It can be written, drawn, recorded, filmed… be Unlimited!

**For more information and to request an expression of interest form please email** [**comms.dgu@gmail.com**](mailto:comms.dgu@gmail.com)

**Submit your completed forms and personal statement by midnight on the 12th of December 2021 and send to** [**comms.dgu@gmail.com**](mailto:comms.dgu@gmail.com)

*“The DG Unlimited leadership skills course has done amazingly considering we’ve had to adapt into a different program due to the pandemic. I’ve felt a great warmth and encouragement throughout this course. It has made me feel safer about the future. Helping me think about what’s important to me, given me a good sense of my own capabilities, and lots to think about.”*

Leaders Unlimited participant, 2019/20.