



With most theatres dark due to Covid, our new project offers some light and hope for women writers based in the South West. Whilst we can't offer production opportunities, over a period of four months we can offer a package of script development support for 10 writers, so as theatres start to produce again there are 10 oven-baked scripts ready to go!

The package will include a designated professional dramaturg to work with you on your script and three Zoom readings of the play with actors as it develops, the final one being in front of an invited audience, including key regional gatekeepers.

Our aim is that the 10 women writers will come out of this project with production ready scripts so we are looking for plays with the most potential to develop and grow, using the elements of support that we're offering. We will particularly be interested in scripts that give voice to new and challenging stories.

There will be five script submission windows between Oct 2020 and Feb 2021 and from each set of scripts submitted Theatre West's Artistic Directors will select two to receive a package of support. Writers who don't get chosen will receive some brief development feedback on their script.

Window 1: 19 - 25 Oct (Development package Nov 20 – Feb 21)

Window 2: 30 Nov - 6 Dec (Development package Dec 20 – Mar 21)

Window 3: 27 Dec - 4 Jan (Development package Jan 21 – Apr 21)

Window 4: 25 - 31 Jan (Development package Feb – May 21)

Window 5: 22 - 28 Feb (Development package Mar – June 21)

We are looking for scripts that would be suitable for studio spaces i.e. around an hour long and able to be read by a maximum of three actors. Scripts should be at least 1st drafts (not extracts, first 10 pages etc) and also have the capacity for development. If you think your script is ready then this is not the project for you.

Initially we would like writers to register their interest and provisionally identify in which slot they plan to submit. We won't hold you to dates but it will give us an idea of numbers to plan readers etc. Please email writers2020@theatre-west.co.uk and we'll send you a simple form to complete

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