

## The Imagination Museum Co-commission 2026-7 with Ipswich Museum and DanceEast

### Short Summary Version

[The Imagination Museum](#) dance and heritage network is pleased to announce a **£6,000 co-commission** for a dance artist/s based in the East of England to create an original work in response to the collections of Ipswich Museum, and particularly the museum's new Journeys Gallery.

The selected artist will work collaboratively with a range of local community groups, who will perform in the finished work. Final performances are expected to take place in May 2027, shortly after the museum's official reopening, on-site at Ipswich Museum.

This callout is open to artists based in the East of England who:

- work primarily with dance/movement as part of their practice
- have at least 5 years of professional experience
- have an up to date Enhanced DBS Check and Public Liability Insurance
- have a clear understanding of safeguarding and the importance of creating a positive empowering environment that supports participants' wellbeing

We welcome applications from artists working within all forms and genres of dance, who use a range of choreographic processes and are able to create work collaboratively with community participants.

### Key Dates:

22 June, 12-1pm	<a href="#">Zoom Q&amp;A</a> about the commission - <i>sign up using the link</i>
10 July, 5pm	Stage 1 deadline for submitting Expression of Interest
4 September	Deadline for Stage 2 applications - <i>by invitation</i>
By 5 October	Commissioned artist informed and contracted

Stage 1 Expression of Interest is through [this Google Form](#), but please ensure you read the [full commission brief](#) before submitting a response.

**Contact:** Charlotte on [manager@imaginationmuseum.co.uk](mailto:manager@imaginationmuseum.co.uk) to discuss any access needs and if there is anything we can do that would make applying easier, such as providing any of the materials in an alternative format.

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