

CASTING CALL FOR PEOPLE POWER PASSION

CALL FOR VOCALISTS AND MUSICIANS

Luton Council is calling for a number of vocalists and musicians to perform in People Power Passion, the highlight event of the programme commemorating the 1919 Peace Day riots and Luton's proud history of people power and acts of resistance.

Background: In 1919, the Peace Day rioters stormed the Luton Town Hall and set it alight. As it burned, the rioters broke into a nearby music store, dragged out pianos and sang and danced as the riots continued.

Creative vision: The production will be delivered outside of the town hall in the evening of 19 July 2019 (exactly 100 years after the riots). The event will draw inspiration from the historical acts of the riots and will be a music and dance spectacular outside the Luton Town Hall. The programme will loosely follow a timeline from 1919 – 2019, referencing historical acts of people power and protest around the world and the history of immigration into Luton. The production will draw together a large number of the musicians and dancers of Luton into a cohesive night time event that celebrates each of our cultures and communities.

We are currently casting for a number of performers. Performers should be from or based in Luton or the surrounding area.

- **BHANGRA/BOLLYWOOD SINGER:** 16+. Any ethnicity or gender. Must be able to sing in Punjabi
- **GOSPEL SINGER:** 16+. Any gender. Black, Asian or minority ethnic
- **FEMALE POP SINGER:** 16+. Female or female-identifying. Any ethnicity. Must be able to sing in a contemporary pop style and be comfortable with spoken word
- **MALE ROCK SINGER:** 16+. Male or male-identifying. Any ethnicity. Must be able to sing in a sixties rock 'n' roll style
- **SITAR PLAYER:** Any age, gender or ethnicity. Knowledge of a range of ragas and talas required
- **TABLA/SOUTH ASIAN PERCUSSION PLAYER:** Any age, gender or ethnicity. Knowledge of a range of talas required.

FEE: £300 fee available for each performer. (Note if a performer is not self-employed this figure is before tax).

If travel costs to and from the audition and rehearsals will be a barrier for any performer, expenses may be able to be covered.

SONG/MATERIAL DETAILS: each performer will be assigned a song/musical material that has been chosen by the creative team. Performers will be advised of the song when they are invited to audition.

REHEARSAL DETAILS:

Rehearsals will take place in two stages:

1. **June 2019:** Throughout June, performers will be expected to rehearse their assigned song/material in a self-directed manner with short rehearsals with the music director as required.
2. **29 June – 19 July 2019:** Rehearsals. Please see rehearsal schedule below. Performers should be available for all rehearsals they are required for.

PERFORMANCE DETAILS: The performance will take place on Friday 19 July 2019 at 9pm. Performers will be expected to arrive early for a sound check.

HOW TO APPLY:

Applicants should email peoplepowerpassion@luton.gov.uk by **9am Monday 20 May** with a link to a clip of themselves singing/playing in the assigned style (no more than 3mins 30secs). They should include in the email the role they are applying for, their name, confirmation that they are over 16, their postcode, confirmation that they can attend rehearsals as outlined below and any previous performance experience. Shortly after an application is received, you will be notified if you are invited to audition. Applicants will be asked to perform a song as instructed by the team which will be sent to you when invited to audition. To ensure you have enough time to rehearse the song, you are encouraged to apply early.

Auditions: Auditions will take place at Tokko Youth Centre on Wednesday 22, Thursday 23 and Friday 24 May.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:*

Date	Time	Description	Performers
Saturday 29 June	10am – 6pm	Group Two	Gospel & Female Pop
Sunday 30 June	10am – 2pm	Group One	Bhangra, Rock & musicians
	2.30 – 6pm	Finale	ALL
Wednesday 3 July	6pm – 9pm	Full show rehearsal	
Saturday 6 July	10am – 6pm	Group Two	Gospel & Female Pop
Sunday 7 July	10am – 2pm	Group One	Bhangra, Rock & musicians
	2.30pm – 6pm	Finale	ALL
Wednesday 10 July	6pm – 9pm	Full show rehearsal	
Saturday 13 July	10am – 2pm	Group One	Bhangra, Rock & musicians
	2.30 – 6pm	Group Two & Finale	ALL
Sunday 14 July	10am – 6pm	Full show rehearsal	ALL
Wednesday 17 July	6pm – 9pm	Full show rehearsal	ALL
Thursday 18 July	Evening	Dress rehearsal	ALL
Friday 19 July	Evening	Show	ALL

A more detailed rehearsal schedules will be released prior to the date with more specific call times for vocalists and musicians.



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ENQUIRIES: Any questions please email peoplepowerpassion@luton.gov.uk or phone 01582 54 7368.

We are interested in hearing from anyone with a passion and talent for singing and playing music. If you are unsure if you fit the brief or think you may experience a barrier to being involved, please get in touch.