



SURTAL ARTS

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Derby's Surtal Arts seeks new Artistic Director

Derby's Surtal Arts have announced that they are looking for a new Artistic Director and Business Development Manager.

Surtal Arts has been delivering events and bringing people together for cross-cultural collaboration between organisations, artists and audiences in the East Midlands for over 30 years. With a specialism in South Asian arts and culture, and a reputation for creating quality, cross-cultural experiences that enrich the lives of young people, Surtal Arts enables diverse art that is meaningful and sustainable.

The new Artistic Director will curate and deliver a programme of performances, concerts and events that showcase an artistic network and support a sustainable future, including Derby Season of Light, 50:50 Celebrations, a rolling programme of new work and a framework for the development of new talent. The aim of the role is to create opportunities for established South Asian heritage artists through commissioned work, nurturing home-grown talent and to better understand the aspirations, challenges and cultural needs of British South Asian young people in Derby and the East Midlands.

The new Business Development Manager role will be working closely with the Artistic Director, providing support in the arrangement of events and activities. The successful candidate will be taking the lead in identifying funding opportunities, including the development and submission of grant applications, Trusts and Foundations, crowd funding and business sponsorship, managing and measuring principal strategic projects.

Nisha Nath, Chairperson of Surtal Arts, said

"Surtal Arts has grown organically and is constantly evolving and keeping up with new cultural trends, keeping our brand fresh, relevant, competitive and above all providing access to high quality arts to all. It is place where people are given opportunity to try new things and reach their artistic potential. This is an excellent opportunity for an established or rising artistic or creative leader to make their mark, innovating a programme of work that can make a real difference to the cultural landscape of Derby and the region"

The role of Artistic Director is part-time (18.5 hours per week). The role of Business Development Manager is part-time (12 hours per week). Both roles are based in the East Midlands and for an initial 12 months, which may be extended subject to funding. Surtal Arts are committed to being an inclusive organisation that

is as diverse as the communities they serve. The organisation warmly welcome people from all backgrounds and are committed to fostering an inclusive environment where diversity is at the heart of who and what they are, and how they work.

Applications for Artistic Director or Business Development Manager roles are with a covering letter and CV, and should be submitted to edcom@surtalarts.co.uk by 5.00pm on 30th November 2025.

For more information on Artistic Director or Business Development Manager roles, please see: <https://www.surtalarts.co.uk/vacancies>

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ABOUT SURTAL ARTS

Surtal Arts are a Derby based combined contemporary arts organisation with specialism in South Asian arts & culture, supported by funding from The Arts Council England.

Based in Derby for over 30 years, Surtal Arts exist to create educational experiences and cross-cultural productions that enrich the lives of everyone. Surtal Arts aims to create, celebrate and debate diversity in the arts and be a home for South Asian Arts learning and creativity and to deliver a body of innovative, contemporary new work that is relevant, meaningful and sustainable. Surtal provides on demand arts workshops in schools, college, health sector and care homes throughout the year, regular [dance class](#) & [choir singing](#) & organise annual festival [Derby Season of Light](#) & Derby [Lantern Parade](#) in partnership with various arts & cultural partners from Derby and Derbyshire. Surtal Arts is funded by Arts Council England. For further information please see <https://www.surtalarts.co.uk/>

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