

Talkaoke Skills Lab

Creative Development Opportunity [hybrid]

by The People Speak [London] and KQ Hub [Kampala], supported by the British Council

Programme dates: February to July 2022

Application deadline: 1 February 2022, midnight East African Time [Uganda], or 9.00pm Greenwich Mean Time [UK]

More information: <http://thepeoplespeak.org.uk/talkaoke-skills-lab/>

Talkaoke Skills Lab is a unique creative development opportunity piloting a new approach to intercultural dialogue, collaboration, use of technology and skills exchange for artists, creatives, cultural practitioners and change-makers from Uganda and the UK.

Talkaoke Skills Lab builds on The People Speak 25 years experience of creating participant-led, emergent and interactive formats such as Talkaoke - a hybrid pop-up talk show and KQ's experience of collaborative art and activism initiatives.

Provoked by a 1970s 'social sculpture' theory by the artist Joseph Beuys, Talkaoke Skills Lab asks: *What does a creative and socially engaged practice means within the global community today?*

What to expect

- Talkaoke - pop-up talk show as a way into The People Speak methodology through facilitation, creation of non-hierarchical spaces, participation structures and interactive formats;
- Participant-led discussions exploring current themes and issues;
- Co-creation of interactive learning structure where participants decide on the skills they wish to develop;
- Production of a public facing hybrid event co-created by the participants in London and Kampala;
- Mentoring and access support;
- Technical support in how to get the best out of online platforms;

Who is it for

- Artists and creatives of all disciplines [eg. writing, performance, visual arts, dance, making], art producers, cultural venue programmers;
- Interested in or having socially engaged creative practice;
- Interested in incorporating technology and international collaboration into your work;
- Aged 18-35, based in Uganda and the UK [if your age or location differ - you may still be eligible, just get in touch].



Interested? Fill in an online form [350 word limit or 3 minute video limit].

Join us for an online Talkaoke information session on **Thursday 13th January**

Get in touch: Feel free to drop us a line on TalkaokeSkillsLab@gmail.co.uk

Who is involved

The People Speak is a London [UK] based group of international artists, academics and arts practitioners with world-class expertise in getting people to understand each other. We worked with most of the UK's national cultural institutions and museums - all Tate Galleries, National Theatre, Southbank Centre, Science Museum, V&A; universities and academic institutions - Queen Mary University of London, Natural History Museum, The Francis Crick Institute, many UK festivals: LIFT, The World Transformed; many social and youth charities. We have collaborated with partners in the US [Genomics Festival, Boston], Australia [The Street, Canberra], Norway [ice-9].

KQ Hub Africa is a Uganda based artist collective, creative agency and future consultancy working across visual, digital and performing arts -- to produce meaningful culture programs, facilitate creative capacity building, and create platforms for skills and knowledge sharing, including the production of monthly networking, knowledge sharing experiential and imaginative events like creative talks, artists exhibitions, workshops, concerts, film labs + screenings, fashion and design incubators among others.

The British Council is the UK's international organisation for cultural relations and educational opportunities. We build connections, understanding and trust between people in the UK and other countries through arts and culture, education and the English language. Last year we reached over 80 million people directly and 791 million people overall including online, broadcasts and publications. Founded in 1934, we are a UK charity governed by Royal Charter and a UK public body. We receive a 15 per cent core funding grant from the UK government.

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