



2024 Scratch Night

Apply now for a chance to showcase your work-in-progress and receive feedback at Rural Arts' Scratch Night!

Date Friday 28th June

Deadline 19th May at Midnight

**Rural Arts, The Courthouse
Westgate, Thirsk, YO7 1QS**

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What Rural Arts is Offering

Scheduled for 28th June at the Courthouse in Thirsk and hosted by Rural Arts, this event offers an exciting opportunity for creative minds to showcase their works-in-progress. We are offering four 20-minute performance slots, providing a platform for artists and companies to present excerpts of their new projects. We are particularly interested in work that challenges conventions, captivates audiences, and leaves a lasting impression. We are also interested in work which may have future potential for rural touring.

Selected participants will not only have the chance to showcase their talent but also receive **a £120 fee (per company/entry) + travel expenses**, complimentary rehearsal space at The Courthouse, invaluable feedback from a live audience, and dedicated support from our experienced team

Applications are now open, with the **deadline set for midnight on the 19th May 2024**. For those seeking further details or with any inquiries, please don't hesitate to reach out via **email at amy@ruralarts.com**

To learn more about Scratch Night and apply, **[click here](#)**.

(Before starting, we suggest reviewing the application as, once you begin the application process, you cannot save your progress.)

Introduction to Scratch Nights

Scratch Nights serve as a dynamic platform for artists to present their works-in-progress to a live audience, fostering an environment of experimentation, feedback, and artistic growth. Artists are allotted a specific time to showcase their current projects, followed by a constructive feedback session with the audience. These events primarily feature performances in the early stages of development, allowing artists to gather valuable insights and refine their work based on audience response. Performances in Scratch Nights can span a variety of genres, including music, spoken word, comedy, and more.

Why participate in a Scratch Night

Participating in Scratch Nights can benefit creatives in several ways. It is a great way to network with arts industry professionals and may result in collaborations or new projects. In a supportive environment, creatives can test out new work, gaining valuable feedback and insight. By fostering career development and material advancement, scratch nights prevent creatives from reaching plateaus in their careers. Lastly, by participating in Scratch Nights, you gain valuable experience through observing fellow performers and appreciating their talents.