Brief for **performance artists** to create new short works addressing climate change

The pandemic has had a great impact on our ability to gather for social events. This, in turn, has limited the ways in which we are able to engage and help people inspire each other to act against climate change.

We are commissioning artists to create work about climate change and perform it live at an online virtual cabaret. More than ever, it’s vital to bring people together to celebrate the transformative power of the arts and spark important conversations about climate change.

Whether you’re a musician, actor, storyteller, drag performer, comedian or dancer*, we want you to create a short (around five to ten minutes) piece about the climate crisis or our reactions to it. You’ll then record it to be broadcast at our online event in early April to a virtual audience.

After the event, we’ll share the video on our own platforms, but you’ll also be able to use the footage however you wish. We may hire a videographer to record pieces where appropriate.

*List not exhaustive!

**Key dates:**

Date: Thursday 15th April, 7pm - 9.30pm
Tech rehearsal: Monday 12th April, 5.30pm
You will be required to submit a draft performance of your piece (this could be via a recorded video or live via zoom) during the week of 22nd March.

We may give feedback on what you submit, but this will be light-touch and not aim to unduly influence your creative direction – we’re mostly checking for legalities and that you won’t be saying anything that directly contradicts our campaign messaging.

What we need from you now:

- A proposal for a piece about climate change – you don’t have to have written and perfected the whole thing, but you should tell us what you intend to do, how you’ll do it, and what it means to you. You can present your proposal in writing or via video or sound recording (or a combination).
- Some evidence of your previous work – we’d especially like to see any videos you have, but this could also be reviews, photographs etc.

What we’ll need from you if you’re commissioned:

- A five to ten minute piece to be broadcast on 12th April.
- A video of the piece (working with our videographer).
- You to promote the event to your networks (we can provide social media copy if you’d like it).

What you’ll get from us:

- £500 for new pieces of work – half to be paid in late-February when we agree to commission the work, and half after the performance in April.
- £150 to perform pieces of work you have already shown elsewhere.
- Use of professional footage of the piece you create about climate change.

We’re looking to commission a total of six new pieces of work and 4-6 existing pieces. As a small charity we are unfortunately unable to provide feedback on proposals we don’t commission.

If you have any questions, please get in touch via email at skye@wearepossible.org, and we can discuss the project in more detail.
Otherwise please send your proposals to jobs@wearepossible.org with the title ‘cabaret submission’ by 12pm on 22nd Feb..

**Who are we:**

At climate change charity Possible, we want to see a zero carbon society, built by and for the people of the UK.

Combining individual and local actions with larger systemic change, we face our climate dread with a can-do attitude and sense of fun.

Whether we’re running tree-planting days, vegan feasts or heat-camera treasure hunts, plugging community-owned solar into train lines, reimagining parks, or lobbying MPs about onshore wind, everything we do is about inspiring more people to take more ambitious action on climate change.