

Photographers &

Writers

The logo for Brainchild, featuring the words "BRAIN" and "CHILD" stacked vertically in a white, sans-serif font inside a white circle.

Join our team of volunteer writers & photographers for Brainchild Festival

Introduction: We're looking for folks to be part of our volunteer-based team of contributors for our blog. So far as a team we've produced beautiful, in-depth and well-read pieces on artists like [Zakia](#), [Pecs Drag Kings](#), [Ariwo](#), [30/70](#), [Sorority](#) & [Debtford](#).

Writers: You are someone who enjoys writing and are keen to build your portfolio in journalism, feature writing and interviewing artists. We're expanding the 'writing' section of our website and inviting new wordsmiths to join us there. Through interviews, essays and maybe even creative writing, we'd like it to be a celebration of all the creativity and talent in the ever-growing Brainchild community whilst also telling the stories of some of the most exciting emerging artists around.

Photographers: You are someone who would like the opportunity to develop your photography of artists in creative/unusual ways and are building up a portfolio of work. Brainchild will share your photographs widely and get your work out there on our social media platforms. We hope to offer a useful portfolio building exercise where you can let your ideas run wild, and benefit from networking with artists and creative people who might commission your work in the future.

Why Volunteer with Brainchild?

We've been running as a volunteer-based organisation for the past 7 years and whilst we are now paying roles in production, we're not currently in a position to pay contributing writers/photographers for the blog. But there are still many reasons why being part of team Brainchild is beneficial. We are a young team full of animated and talented people with tonnes of different skills and interests. Our working culture is founded on respect, clear communication, creative expression and support for one another. We have many socials, and in every role we want for there to be space for a person's own creative ideas to manifest. Beyond this, the skills and experience gained often proves useful for professional development and has helped many of the team get jobs in the creative industries.

Perks & Expenses

All contributors (writers and photographers) will be given a full weekend ticket for Brainchild Festival, and expenses incurred (pre-agreed) for interviews with artists will be covered.

This is an opportunity we hope will be useful for students and those looking to build a portfolio of published writing or photography. If you love the art and ideas that make Brainchild what it is, and you're keen to share your talents - get in touch!

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Location:

During the year we have an office & event space in Southwark, and an office in Bermondsey where you are welcome to come and work with the team.

The skills and experience we're looking for:

- Real connection, interest and passion for DIY and inspiring arts projects (could be music, or visual arts, or poetry, whatever floats your boat the most)
- Some portfolio of relevant written work (this can be unpublished or self-published)/ or photography (please send a link to your website/Instagram/portfolio)
- Ability to work and stay in touch reliably when working remotely
- Ability to work collaboratively with our Editor on pieces
- Willingness to respond to a brief

Responsibilities:

- Produce one feature/piece to be published on our website this year (before Brainchild Festival on 12-14 July).

We see this as a flexible and rewarding way to be part of the festival while also developing skills, gaining experience and making work that's creatively rewarding and being seen by thousands of people.

If you have any questions about or need clarification on the responsibilities listed above, please send us an email.

How to apply:

Please send a selection of your work and a short cover letter (max 250 words) to lucy@brainchildfestival.co.uk with the subject line 'Writing' or 'Photography'. Within your cover letter please tell us why you would like to volunteer with us, what aspects from your skills, interests or experience you'd be excited to bring. Deadline for applications - 20th April 2019.

Thanks for your interest!

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About Brainchild

Brainchild is an organisation that creates new possibilities for young people and emerging artists. We run an annual festival alongside a number of events and other programmes. The festival was our

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first project, which we pulled together in our first year of university on a shoestring budget on a mission to celebrate the power of big ideas and the DIY spirit. Since then, we've gone on the most unlikely and fantastic journey, winning the AIM award for Best Independent Festival twice in a row by public vote, with a capacity of 3000 people and more than 400 artists taking part each year.

Our projects are opportunities for people to connect, celebrate bold ideas and develop their creativity. As a company, we aim to lead the way in the things we believe to be important: putting people before profit (we are entirely not-for-profit and free from any corporate sponsorship), being transparent and prioritising environmental sustainability. Our work is solely about the people and the art. Our intentions are for everyone taking part to see new possibilities, and then to find the friends, collaborators, space and confidence to turn them into reality.