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Title: Curator-in-Residence (Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander)
FUSE Spring Ganbu Gulin 2023

Salary: \$8,000 Fixed Fee inc. on costs, super.

Status: Part Time, Long lead, Fixed Term

Hours: Negotiable

Directorate: Community

Department: Creative Culture & Events

Unit: Festivals & Events

Location: 274 Gower Street, Preston

Enquiries: Lauren Mullings

Dates: From Appointment (Early 2023)
Monthly – programming, consultation, media announcements
Then July – September 2023
Weekly – marketing, event operations, artist liaison

Date of Event: Saturday 2 September 2023

Objectives

The [Curator-in-Residence](#) will deliver curation for Ganbu Gulin during [FUSE](#) Spring 2023 alongside the FUSE team.

Ganbu Gulin is a respected and highly valued event in the FUSE Spring programme. It places Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island artists at the helm of a deeply moving community celebration.

Ganbu Gulin, the festival, aims to honour and celebrate Darebin's Traditional Owners, the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung People, and facilitate the welcome of new citizens onto their Country. Through curation of a cultural celebration on an alternative date, the Curator will contribute to raising awareness about City of Darebin's decision to decommission January 26 citizenship ceremonies.

Following on [from Ganbu Gulin:Imagining 2022](#), the proposed 2023 event will see community engagement and commissioned works, in any art form - including but not limited to First Nations music, visual art, jewellery making, markets and businesses, weaving, performing, fashion and more. An Aboriginal Curator is essential to assembling and connecting makers and visionaries.



The Curator will also build on the ceremonial welcome for new citizens and their families, using a consultative approach led by the Traditional Owners and in consultation with Darebin's Aboriginal Advisory Council.

This role works alongside the Festivals & Events Coordinator, Senior and Associate Producers, Engagement Officer and Production Manager. Financed and supported by FUSE Darebin, the successful Curator-in-Residence applicant will be appointed by an equitable panel.

About FUSE

FUSE is the City of Darebin's brand-new, biannual multi-arts festival. Every Autumn and Spring, FUSE transforms Darebin into a dynamic hub of creativity. FUSE ignites our vibrant city, bringing artists, communities and audiences to our streets, parks, venues, theatres, galleries, and to our public spaces to immerse themselves in art, culture and creativity of all forms.

FUSE reflects our uniqueness and embraces the best of what Darebin is and can be; a vibrant, inclusive, creative and contemporary city

About Darebin

Darebin is home to one of the largest, most diverse communities anywhere in the State in terms of cultures, language (more than 138 languages are spoken), religions, socio-economic background, employment status, occupation, and housing needs. We actively represent our community's diversity and aim to create an inclusive work environment that values the contribution of all employees and treats all employees with dignity and respect.

We are leaders in Environmental Sustainability and Social Justice, often collaborating with neighbouring municipalities to promote awareness and encourage community participation.

For all other information regarding the City of Darebin, including our Profile, our Diverse Community, our Values, the Council Plan 2017-2021, Equal Opportunity Employment, Disability Access and Inclusion, the Victorian Charter of Human Rights, and Risk Management, visit our website: www.darebin.vic.gov.au

Darebin City Council values Collaboration, Accountability, Respect and Integrity

Key Responsibilities and Duties

FUSE Festival: Ganbu Gulin

Curate and programme a public-facing Event project will be developed over several months. Ganbu Gulin will actively engage and support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island artists that reflect the diverse nature of the community, and intersection of these voices with FUSE priority communities such as Trans and Non Binary, Culturally And Linguistically Diverse, First Nations, LGBTQIA+, Deaf, Disabled and Chronically Ill artists.

The Curator will:

- Develop a curatorial framework for the Ganbu Gulin festival and Ceremony, including the creative direction, design and name of the event.
- Contribute performances or exhibitions through their own artistic practice.

- Undertake artist research and commission or curate artworks from up to five local artists to be presented as works within the event, ensuring broad representation across age, gender and Aboriginal language groups
- Work closely alongside the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Traditional Owners to ensure that cultural protocols are upheld and respected throughout the development and implementation of the event.
- Contribute to the design and programming of the festival Launch Event in the lead up to the festival.
- Develop relationships with local community and artists as required to inform programming and strengthen engagement with the event.
- Contribute to the development of marketing plans and materials, including assistance with writing program and promotional copy, image requests and copyright, and compiling artist bios and artwork information.
- Liaise with the FUSE team around all logistics and production requirements for the event.
- Assist with the preparation of artist contracts and other administrative tasks.

Reporting Relationships

This Position Reports To:

Senior Producer and the Associate Producer (Aboriginal identified position, to be appointed Feb - May).

Positions Reporting To This Position:

FUSE Casual Staff, Artists as contracted.

Internal Relationships:

Festivals & Events Unit Team Members, Other Council Departments, Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Council

External Relationships:

Suppliers, Contractors, Partners, Sponsors, Artists, Audiences, Community, Industry Colleagues

Timeline

2022 - 2023 – Curator Recruitment

Early 2023 From Curator Appointment Date – Initial contact, media announcements, early programming conversations

June 2023 – Program is finalised

2 September 2023 – Ganbu Gulin Event

2 September to 17 September - FUSE 2023 (approx.) festival dates

17 September – 31 October 2023 – Debrief and reporting

31 October 2023 – Contract ends

Acknowledgement



Darebin City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people as the traditional owners and custodians of the land and waters we now call Darebin and pays respect to their elders, past, present and emerging. Council affirms that Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people have lived on this land for millennia, practising their ceremonies of celebration, initiation and renewal. Council respects and recognises all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and their values, living culture and practices, including their continuing spiritual connection to their land and waters and their right to self-determination.

To express your interest please contact Lauren Mullings, Festivals & Events on lauren.mullings@darebin.vic.gov.au.

To apply directly email your CV, a cover letter or summary of what you can contribute to Ganbu Gulin (one page) or a 3 -5 minute video to lauren.mullings@darebin.vic.gov.au.