

Boundless Theatre is proud to be a signatory of this open letter to theatre and performance makers, alongside many other theatre, performance companies and venues across the UK.

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To: hello@boundlesstheatre.org.uk

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Attachments: Notes on the open letter t~1.pdf (67 KB) ; An open letter to theatre ~1.pdf (62 KB) ; Twitter Thread Boundless ~1.docx (20 KB)

Dear, Board, Advisory Group and Boundless Team,

After a conversation yesterday with a number of producing companies about the crisis facing freelancers and the self employed across our sector, we are today joining the effort in creating a taskforce of freelancers to feed in to the many groups that are lobbying hard for government support of the sector.

Without a sector to graduate in to then the career aspirations of many young people will be obliterated. Those just starting out or recently freelance have been left out of government support already and the Arts Council although doing great work to support where they can have been heavily oversubscribed for hardship grants.

We all have a part to play in ensuring that the sector survives this, that young people are able to imagine creative careers and that those already in the industry are not destitute or ignored.

70% of the theatre sector is made up of freelancers and the self employed. Quite simply we need to support them now.

We are a co-signatory on the letter (attached) and linked below. Please read it and share widely. For those of you on social media there is also a suggested tweet. You can also read more on the Boundless website. There are audio and large print versions on our website and a BSL and easy to read version coming soon. I have also attached a suggested thread of tweets for those of you who would like to post like that. You can also retweet our posts throughout the afternoon.

[Read the Boundless Ideas Post](#)

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Suggested tweet:

As a [insert relationship to Boundless] I wanted to share that today @boundlessabound is a proud signatory of this open letter to theatre and performance makers in the UK today.

<https://bit.ly/freelancetaskforce>

#freelancetaskforce

We will be supporting one young freelancer to join the taskforce and they will in turn report back to us all. I am hopeful for a sustained future for the industry but it will take collective effort to guarantee.

If you have any questions please do let me know.

Best,
Rob.x

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