

## **GUERNICA: SPEAKING TO MANKIND**

“Guernica is to painting what Beethoven's Ninth Symphony is to music: a cultural icon that speaks to mankind not only against war but also of hope and peace.” Alejandro Escalona

80 years on from the start of the Spanish Civil War in 1936, Picasso's painting Guernica is as powerful and disquieting today as it was when the artist expressed in paint his revulsion and outrage over the first ever bombing of civilians within Europe.

The GAP Arts Project is looking for 20 motivated, creative young people aged 11-18 who are interested in immersing themselves in an exploration of the most controversial and moving anti-war painting of the 20th century, exploring its impact, its component images and reflecting on their resonances in today's 21st century world.

Over three weeks the assembled company will engage in practical workshops, creative activities and rehearsals, working towards devising a collective artistic response - a performance utilizing a variety of artforms such as drama, movement, poetry and more, to be produced for a public audience.

If you are excited by this chance to work creatively as part of a team, to explore this key turning point in the history of Europe and to devise and perform your artistic response publicly, we'd love to hear from you. Whether your interest is in Drama, Art, Movement, Poetry or History, this project is for you. No experience needed, just enthusiasm, curiosity, an open mind and a willingness to explore.

**Dates: 8 – 29 August 2016** Times: Tbc (initially daytimes, potentially some additional evenings/weekends in last week)

**Director: Ian Yeoman**, formerly artistic director of Theatr Powys, 30 years experience of directing and devising theatre for and with young people. (Ian and all adults working on the project are DBS certificated)

**Venue: The GAP**, Jubilee Centre, Pershore Street, B5 6ND (city centre)

**Cost: £80 per participant.** This covers all rehearsals, costumes, production costs etc, PLUS membership of The GAP - Birmingham's only young people's arts space - and all the associated benefits –free arts events, free wifi, free tea & coffee, arts library, and the opportunity to be part of The GAP's young creative community.

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**Reservation:** To reserve a place please go to <https://guernica-thenandnow.eventbrite.co.uk/>

**Payment:** To confirm your place please pay online at [www.gaparts.org](http://www.gaparts.org).

**Deadline is 9pm Wednesday 20July.** NB: Places are limited so please reserve and confirm your place asap!

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*West Midlands Young People's Media Champion 2015  
Equinox Mixed Media Awards  
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