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Planning

Create Talent Programme

North East Combined Authority

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Scope

Description

The new Create Talent Programme will be an innovative, industry led skills programme to support the North East's thriving creative sector, focusing on the music, arts, writing and publishing and the screen industry. The programme will play a key part in delivering the Mayor and Cabinet's mission 'Home to a growing and vibrant economy for all', providing our workforce with the right skills and training to build an inclusive and competitive economy.

The programme will provide sector-leading, inclusive and needs-led pathways for aspiring creatives, encouraging people of all ages from diverse backgrounds to aspire to a career in the creative sector. Alongside this, it will support freelancers and enterprises to develop high-level skills in creative practices. By focusing on identified skills needs and transferable skills, it will equip our freelance community with the fundamental skills to build, sustain and grow their practice as effective freelancers employed

in the creative sector.

Total value (estimated)

- £4,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 2 January 2026 to 31 March 2029
- 3 years, 2 months, 30 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services
- 80500000 - Training services

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

10 October 2025

Enquiry deadline

31 October 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

7 November 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

www.open.org

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

12 December 2025

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	80%
Price	Price	20%

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Documents

Associated tender documents

<http://www.open.org>

Contracting authority

North East Combined Authority

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