

**Call Out for Artists Against Austerity Scotland**

Are you an artist working in Scotland? Whether in theatre, visual art, poetry, dance, music you’ll be aware of how the attacks on public spending are affecting you and those around you.

Are you concerned about the impact of austerity measures and cuts on ordinary people’s lives?

Would you like to be part of a new and exciting movement to co-ordinate artists across a wide range of art forms to fight back against austerity?

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The People’s Assembly Scotland are calling on artists representing all art forms to come together with a view to forming an assembly of artists against austerity in Scotland. The aim of the assembly will be to provide a platform for artists to collaborate across different mediums to create art in opposition to the neo-liberalausterity agenda and to suggest ways to form a better society in Scotland.

The arts have a key role in presenting and projecting the voices and stories of ordinary people and challenging mainstream political and media narratives. However, much of the work currently being done within different art forms is not connected together. Now is the time for artists to work collectively and pool their different skills and talents for a social purpose.

A thriving arts scene is integral to a healthy democracy and the assembly will also be an opportunity to demonstrate the value of art to society, challenging cuts to arts funding and the prevalence of unfair working practices within the arts sector.

Act now to get involved in an opportunity to collaborate with other artists, showcase your own work and be involved in artistic activism.

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The first meeting of the assembly will be on Saturday 31 January 2015 in Glasgow or Edinburgh. A key aim of the meeting will be to form a steering group to take forward planning a multi-platform arts event under the banner of Artists Against Austerity, to be held before the UK general election in May 2015.

Email artistsassemblyscotland@gmail.com by 18 January 2015 to confirm your attendance or if you have any queries or questions!

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The People’s Assembly is a UK-wide movement against the austerity agenda which was launched in Scotland in January 2014 [www.thepeoplesassembly.org.uk](http://www.thepeoplesassembly.org.uk)

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