

STANLEY ARTS

Arts Council England – Letter of Support

To whom it may concern,

This is a letter of support for Beth Watson's Arts Council England project grant application for an R&D of *Hasbian*. This follows on from Beth joining the Croydon Emerging Writers group in 2020, supported by Stanley Arts and ACE.

Stanley Arts is committed to working with Beth, and this project will benefit from the support, assistance, and guidance of an established theatre in Croydon, and the opportunity to build meaningful connections with audiences in the South London area.

We hope that by partnering with us to deliver this R&D, and by continuing to participate as an active member of CREW, Beth's work will be given a springboard for future development and growth,

As a radically inclusive space Stanley Arts seeks to foreground under-represented voices, providing artists of colour and LGBTQ+ creatives with a platform to reach out to audiences across South London and beyond.

As an LGBTQ+ centred story created by a diverse company prioritising accessibility, wellbeing, and embedded community engagement, *Hasbian* truly aligns with our mission to support and platform new writers, whilst providing our local community with a vital home for cultural expression and discovery.

We are offering support-in-kind in the form of rehearsal space in January, with the opportunity to house a WIP sharing during the rehearsal process to experiment with creative accessibility, develop the production design & trial new approaches to audience engagement.

We strongly endorse this application for funding for *Hasbian* and hope it will be granted.

Best wishes,

