

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Weronika Szczawińska and I am a theatre director. I am currently recruiting collaborators for a production which is going to be staged at the Warsaw Powszechny Theatre. The production (whose current working title is *Lawrence of Arabia*) will explore the experience of migration, intercultural meetings, and the potential or actual role of culture in this process.

I would like to collaborate on this project with foreigners – individuals who ended up in Poland as a result of problems that they had faced in their own countries or because they were forced to leave those countries; individuals who do not feel rooted (integrated) in the Polish society yet.

I would like to establish this collaboration with emigrants at the initial, workshop, stage of the production. The workshops that are scheduled for March 2018 and shall be run as a series of meetings within a small, multicultural group of people. We shall talk about our experiences, watch movies together, and discuss Polish culture – as perceived by the workshop participants – as well as the cultures of the countries of their origins. The material developed in the course of these workshops shall be used as the basis for the script of the production. Participation in the workshops does not involve stage performance (but we might want to use a recording of the participant's voice).

We are planning to meet twice a week for up to six hours per day. A detailed schedule for the workshops shall be developed together with all of the participants.

The individuals invited to participate in the workshops shall receive remuneration for their work (after entering into an agreement with the Powszechny Theatre) and shall be credited as contributors to the production. The requirements are that you must be an adult and willing to participate in the workshops organized in March on regular basis. No previous theatrical or artistic experience is required.

The individuals interested in collaborating with me are kindly requested to prepare and submit the following:

- A very short self-presentation (not more than five sentences)

and provide a very short answer to the following question:

- What surprises me about Poland?

The above texts should be written in your native language. I shall wait for your applications until 19 February 2018. Please submit your applications by email to: sekretariat@powszechny.com