

Queer Wave: The Cyprus LGBTQIA+ Film Festival is looking for a visionary **Spatial Designer** to translate this year's festival theme into an immersive physical reality. You will be responsible for shaping the physical landscape of our venues—from cosy, functional seating arrangements and atmospheric lighting to thematic props and interactive installations that invite community engagement.

This is a highly collaborative role; you will work closely with our Festival Director and Tech & Venue Coordinator to merge bold artistic expression with technical feasibility and safe-space design principles.

Key Responsibilities

- **Thematic & Showcase Execution:** Conceptualise and design the physical layout and aesthetic atmosphere of festival spaces, seamlessly embedding this year's festival theme into the environment. This includes incorporating a dedicated showcase element within the spatial intervention, similar to previous festival showcases of digital illustration and photography.
- **Atmosphere & Interaction:** Design and coordinate lighting setups, source or fabricate simple props, and develop any desired interactive spatial engagement elements that enhance the festival experience for attendees.
- **Functional Space Planning:** Design accessible and comfortable seating layouts, lounge areas, information hubs, and stage setups tailored to different types of functions (showcase, auditorium, or performance spaces).
- **Cross-Team & On-Site Collaboration:** Coordinate closely with the Tech & Venue Coordinator to integrate lighting and multimedia requirements. You will also collaborate directly with venue staff and on-site technicians who can assist with setup. Depending on your proposed spatial intervention, a production assistant may be allocated to help.
- **Financial & Resource Management:** Responsibly manage the budget allocated for props, seating, and material sourcing, prioritising sustainable, reusable or rented elements. Maintain strict financial accountability by keeping all payment receipts on file and handing over a tidy accounts summary to Festival Accounts or Festival Director at the end of the project. Oversee the hands-on installation and dismantling of all design elements.

Expected Timeline & Pace

- **July 2026:** Active phase. The festival hub space is available for initial on-site assessments, conceptual planning, and early design layout formulations.
- **August 2026:** Festival hub space will be closed. Pre-production to focus on off-site preparation, budgeting, sourcing of materials and division of labour.

- **September 2026 (Peak Festival Season):** Space reopens for final installations. High flexibility is required for live setup leading up to the official festival dates (**1-18 September 2026**), followed by light monitoring during the festival (**18-27 September 2026**) and immediate post-festival dismantling (**28-29 September 2026**) and accounting wrap-up.

Requirements

- A strong portfolio demonstrating creative vision in spatial design, scenography, interior design, exhibition design, fine arts, or a related discipline.
- Proven ability to take a conceptual theme and pitch practical, actionable solutions for physical spaces.
- Experience with hands-on building, prop making, or site-specific event installation.
- Strong collaborative skills, with a track record of working effectively alongside technical teams, venue staff, and logistical coordinators.
- A deep commitment to creating inclusive, physically accessible, and physically/emotionally safe spaces for the LGBTQIA+ community.

If you do not meet every single requirement listed above but are confident you have the vision and drive to thrive in this role, we still highly encourage you to apply.

Remuneration & Commitment

- **Contract Type:** Project-based freelance collaboration.
- **Remuneration:** Starting at 1,000 EUR, final fee depends on previous experience, budget needs for the proposed idea and required involvement.

How to Apply

Please complete our [online application form](#).

As part of the form, you will be asked to upload your CV and / or provide a link to your portfolio demonstrating relevant past work.

- **Application Deadline:** Wednesday 08 July 2026 at 23:59 EEST.
- **Interviews:** Online interviews are anticipated to take place between 15 and 24 July 2026.