**Call for Expressions of Interest**

**Foxton Creates**

**Brief for Artist in Residence**

**Commissioning Organisation**

Leicestershire County Council’s Culture Leicestershire (CuL) Participation Team and Foxton Canal Museum.

Culture Leicestershire is the County Council’s heritage, collections and library service. We have an ambitious National Portfolio Organisation (NPO) programme to bring our cultural services to all Leicestershire residents, especially those who are marginalised or face additional barriers to using our services. For more information, please visit <https://www.cultureleicestershire.co.uk/apply/>

Foxton Canal Museum (FCM) is an independent museum run by the Foxton Inclined Plane Trust, sited at Foxton Locks.

**Project Background**

Culture Leicestershire are working in partnership with Foxton Canal Museum on the Community Curators in Museums strand of their Arts Council Funded NPO programme, building on previous successful projects worked on in partnerships.

This project seeks to reinvigorate the offer for children and schools in order to increase family and school visits to FCM and meet CuL’s NPO objectives for a cocurated creative project with local people with a creative output for the museum.

**Project Vision and Aims**

To cocreate multisensory interactive interpretation of FCM’s existing exhibits. The artist will work creatively with KS2 children from local schools to design the interactive interpretations and then work with a design company (we will work with you and FCM to find appropriate designers) to produce their vision. The children’s ideas and needs will be incorporated into every aspect of the design process. The final interactives will be sited in FCM and be a legacy that FCM intend to build on in the future.

**You will need to:**

* Have experience of working with KS2 children including those with additional needs, or demonstrable understanding of how to work with different groups
* Be able to connect with children in a friendly professional manner
* Be able to organise and lead art workshops with primary school children
* Outline artistic ideas for interactive and multisensory interpretation suitable for the space available at Foxton.
* Be able to research the exhibitions in Foxton Canal Museum
* Be able to produce a brief for a design company and work with that company to realise their vision.
* In the application suggest anticipated outcomes for the project based on your expertise and intentions for the workshops making use of writing, drawing, diagrams, mock-up etc.
* Have workshop ideas suitable for classroom and museum spaces and for KS2 age group
* Final artistic ideas are suitable for the space available at Foxton
* Final artistic ideas have an interactive and multisensory element
* Be able to deliver 8 workshops with 4 schools, 4 session on FCM site and 4 sessions at the schools in Foxton, Market Harborough, Wigston and Oadby.
* Attend and contribute to working group meetings remotely or in person and one to one feedback sessions with Culture Leicestershire
* Collaborate regularly with Culture Leicestershire and Foxton Canal Museum staff and design company.
* Keep records of numbers at workshops and support evaluation processes
* Provide photographic documentation of the progress of the work and use organisational consent forms for filming, photographs and potential publishing.
* Carry out risk assessments.

**Support**

Community Participation Workers within the CuL team manage the work of creative practitioners commissioned by Culture Leicestershire, providing support, direction and advice. They will be your main contact point. They support liaison with relevant people and groups inside and outside of Leicestershire County Council as well as contract manage the overall project from beginning to end. They will also provide support with payment, evaluation, promotion, partnership work and other aspects of the project.

**Process**

[Please submit an application using this form](https://www.cultureleicestershire.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Creative-Practioner-Application-Form-Jan24.pdf) outlining your idea, experience, how you meet the brief and a budget breakdown by 5th July 2024, we are keen to encourage applications from new artists and those from non-traditional backgrounds. You are free to include photos and visual representations. You are very welcome to discuss the project with us before making an application.

**Timescales**

September to November 2024 workshops, work with design company December 2024 and January 2025.

**Budget**

£4000 your budget breakdown should include all materials and costs including transport, parking and sundries. There is a separate budget for the cost of a design company.

**Terms and conditions:**

* To abide by Leicestershire County Council’s data protection and GDPR rules which will be shared with the successful artist.
* Leicestershire County Council is committed to ensuring that its services, policies and practices are free from discrimination and prejudice and that they meet the needs of all sections of the community. All provision is expected to be in accordance with this principle.
* As a consultant you agree to grant full copyright license to Leicestershire County Council to use any final artwork in any manner they deem appropriate.
* All final decisions and approvals will be from LCC.
* A contract based on this brief will be agreed with the artist on appointment.
* 2 payments will be made. The first on appointment for materials and resources, and a final payment on completion.
* You should have relevant insurance

**Contact and deadlines:**

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