

Supporting Young Minds **Artist Call Out for place-based commission from the Newport Youth Panel**

WHAT:

This is an exciting call out for an artist (or artists) based on the Isle of Wight and Solent region to create a place-based artwork in Newport Isle of Wight, co-produced with young people from Independent Arts' Newport Youth Panel. The project aims to support young people's mental wellbeing by increasing physical activity and young people's engagement with the Isle of Wight UNESCO Biosphere Reserve status through creativity.

The Newport Youth Panel are a diverse group of young people aged 13-17 years who have created this brief, and will select the artist and work closely with them to co-produce the artwork.

In their own collective words, they said, "we would like an artist to help us":

- Make a positive impact on some of the negative spaces in Newport i.e. empty shops, the Bus Station
- Make people feel happier
- Educate us about the Island's Biosphere – particularly Biosphere Birds
- Create a public work that is eye-catching and high impact

Things they care about:

- Nature and green spaces i.e. Church Litten
- Getting outside
- Climate change
- The future

Artists working in any medium are invited to apply, but the Panel are particularly interested in one or more of these as a final output:

- Trails
- Murals
- Sculpture
- Botanical living material
- Glass and light

They are interested in works that invite public participation and collaboration.

WHEN:

- Deadline for applications: **Monday 26th September, 12pm noon**
- Shortlisted artists informed by: **Tuesday 27th September**
- Artists to deliver final pitch to Newport Youth Panel on: **Saturday 1st October** between 3-6pm (Ideally artists will attend in person in central Newport. If this isn't possible, the pitch may be delivered via Zoom)
- Delivery of project throughout October and November 2022.

FEE:

There is an Artist fee of £5,000 for approx. 25 days delivery (including expenses and basic materials, an additional materials budget may be available, dependent on project). There is an additional budget for a launch event / promotion.

AVAILABILITY & EXPERIENCE:

The artist(s) would need to be available in October and November 2022 and some availability during October half term would be an advantage. They need experience of working with young people and have Arts Award bronze level training or willingness to be trained (the project will be structured to enable delivery of Art Award bronze award). The artist(s) would be expected to work a minimum of five days/40 hours with the Forum members. The artist(s) must have their own insurance and supply at least one reference contact. The artist would be expected to engage with the project's evaluation process.

HOW TO APPLY:

Please forward your CV, maximum two pages, with relevant images / links to similar previous work, including a statement about why you would like to be considered and your approach to the project to the following email: peta@independentarts.org.uk

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'Supporting Young Minds' is being managed by Isle of Wight arts for wellbeing charity Independent Arts, on behalf of The Island Collection and the Isle of Wight CEP, in collaboration with Artswork (Southampton). It is part of a larger region-wide programme supporting young people's mental health through creativity.