

Call Out for Mural Artist - Big History, Bright Future

Imagine Rotherham and Children's Capital of Culture have teamed up, and are looking for an experienced Mural Artist to work with us!

Imagine Rotherham – a steering group of local organisations experienced in co-creating art projects with young people – has successfully applied to Historic England for a History in The Making grant to fund a project called Big History, Bright Future. This project aims to work with young communities living in Rotherham to explore their heritage and histories, before creating a public mural that celebrates these stories.

Over the course of this commission, the Mural Artist who is appointed will be asked to deliver at least the equivalent of 10 days of visual art workshops with young people in secondary school and community settings. The young people will have previously engaged in oral history workshops with Clifton Park Museum to explore their histories and communities, and the Mural Artist will utilise these oral histories to help the young people plan and create new visual art works. The workshops will enable young people to create their own small-scale art pieces based on their family and community histories. The Mural Artist will work with teachers throughout the project to encourage their continuing professional development (CPD) so that they may pass these skills onto future classes.

The Mural Artist will then design and paint a larger-scale mural suitable for outdoor display in Rotherham. This artwork will be inspired by the young participants' ideas, and initial designs should be tested and discussed with them. With the support of local charity Clifton Learning Partnership, three young people aged 16-to-25 enrolled on short internships will support the Mural Artist to create and install the final work.

Role:

- Plan, resource and deliver at least the equivalent of 10 days of visual arts workshops with children and young people between 16th February and 29th May in central Rotherham
- Design and create a large-scale mural for a public place-making display in central Rotherham
- Identify appropriate opportunities for interns to resourcing and installation on the mural, and work with the project team to support and mentors the interns
- Engage in evaluation of the project, including through participating in filmed interviews and responding to feedback surveys
- Work collaboratively with the project management team and teachers to safely and effectively deliver a creative, professional and co-produced project - including 2-3 in person planning meetings between December 2023 and January 2024 before the commencement of workshop delivery

Essential Requirements:

- Strong previous experience of successfully delivering visual arts workshops for children, young people, and/or families
- Previous experience of co-producing creative projects with children, young people, or community audiences
- Proof of previous mural creation or related art practise
- A current Enhanced DBS check
- Public Liability Insurance

Fee:

A total fee of £3,750 will be awarded to the successful applicant. This includes all aspects of project delivery, including planning and delivering workshops, creating and installing the mural, and engaging in evaluation and project management. This fee is inclusive of travel and expenses. There is an additional amount for materials, to be discussed with the successful applicant.

What do I need to do to show my interest?

- Provide us with your contact details: Name, phone number, email address, website and social media account information (if applicable)
- Send us a cover letter or short video or audio clip outlining why you'd be suitable for this commission and delivery role, please also refer to and demonstrate how you meet the essential requirements listed above
- We'd love to see images of your previous work and examples of workshop delivery if you have any. We cannot wait to read, watch or listen to all the great things about you as an artist!

Please note a written expression should be no longer than 2 sides of A4, sent to us in a PDF format.

Any video or audio submissions should be no longer than 5 minutes sent in an MP4 format.

People will be chosen based on their suitability for the role and essential requirements listed above. Candidates will hear back by the 29th of November 2023, ready for an initial planning meeting with partners at the beginning of December.

Please get in touch if there is any other way we can accommodate applications not in the formats listed above that you would like to submit to this call out with and we can discuss this further. For all questions and queries please use the subject line - Big History, Bright Future Question.

To express interest in this role please send the information above to :

ccoc@rotherham.gov.uk with the subject - BIG HISTORY, BRIGHT FUTURE APPLICATION

Deadline for applications are midnight Sunday 19th November 2023

