

Callout for artists to work with schools in North Kensington

The Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea (RBKC) are asking for proposals from artists to deliver CPD sessions and classroom workshops to local schools affected by the Grenfell Tower fire.

Grenfell Schools project artists' brief

Background Context

The tragedy in Grenfell Tower on 14 June 2017 has had a huge impact on the community in North Kensington. 71 lives were lost, survivors were made homeless and are in the process of being rehoused and many are bereaved. The wider community are also deeply affected. Schools have been at the forefront of supporting children and parents. They have been providing enhanced emotional support services and ensuring there is time for children to reflect and talk about their feelings. This has been alongside the importance of continuing to provide a high standard of education and routine which is also important during the process of recovery.

As part of the process of recovery schools would like to give children the opportunity to express their feelings through art. It is proposed that art projects within local schools could engage children in putting some of their feelings and hopes into artworks that could possibly be assembled into a book or presented in an exhibition.

Artist's Role

- To deliver an INSET session on techniques and how to respond to an illustration brief with teachers;
- To deliver a series of workshop(s) in one or more local primary school, using preferred 2D media and techniques;
- To work with teachers with whole classes or smaller groups of children on the theme of healing and hope, generating expressive ideas from the participants;
- To work with the children to produce 2D work capable of being reproduced in print for book publication or larger weather-resistant format for outdoor display.

Aims

- To link local primary schools (possibly also nursery and secondary schools) affected by the Grenfell disaster;
- To use local artists to support children to use their imaginations to create art;
- To support Schools as communities of healing and hope in such disasters;
- To upskill the teachers in the teaching of art at primary level, including responding to an illustration brief.

Possible Outcomes

- Small art projects within individual schools, led by experienced artist-educators;
- Artwork to be produced by the children;

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- A publication assembling examples of the work from all the schools, with an introductory essay about the circumstances and process;
- An exhibition of the work in a local venue;
- If survivor groups wish, for the work to be reproduced and displayed on the perimeter fencing panels, should the current plans allow for organic growth.

Person specification for artists

Essential:

- Track record of successful work with primary aged pupils in primary schools
- Portfolio of project work within an educational sphere
- Knowledge of national curriculum for art

Desirable:

- DBS online check, (can have a DBS check undertaken if necessary)

Time commitment

It is envisaged that selected artists will work with a small number (between 1 and 5) of schools for two days in each school. Please indicate your daily rate in your application. It is envisaged that the work will be undertaken in the autumn term 2018.

How to Apply

Submissions must meet the objectives of the above brief and comply to the following:

- A proposal outline, how it responds to the theme and meets the objectives of the commission (maximum 500 words)
- Your CV (maximum length one double-side of A4)
- Six hi-res images of your work presented in a single document format
- Confirmation that you are able to deliver the project to the schedule

Please submit your proposal by email to clare.sumpter@rbkc.gov.uk [1]

Deadline: 12 noon on Friday 31 August 2018

If you have any questions about the Grenfell Schools Arts Project, please email:

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Commissioning organisation: The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea

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