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Commissioning Brief

Position: Freelance Artist

Contract: Freelance Temporary Assignment

Timeframe: May to October 2023

Flat Fee: £9800 (equates to £150 per day, plus £3000 materials and £500 for evaluation or equivalent)

This is based on Artist Unions rate for an artist with 5 years or more experience. Pro rata for a residency.

Brief

We are commissioning for an artist or small group of artists to deliver a workshop based residency with people in recovery which takes place two days a week for 6 months at CIRCLE. The workshops will have up to 10 people at any one time. The residency will culminate in a small public exhibition provisionally titled 'A Room of Our Own' in October 2023 which takes place in a Bothy which is sited on the grounds of CIRCLE and which explores the notion of 'what sort of space do people need to recover?'

Background

ONE REN and CIRCLE have been working together post-pandemic to provide people recovering from mental health issues with arts and cultural projects and activities that encourage participation and which contribute to enhanced mental health and reduced loneliness in our communities

Scope of Work

We are looking to for an artist with experience of working with adults in mental health recovery to co-produce and develop a programme of workshop activity in collaboration with our Bothy Group. The theme of our workshops is 'A Room of Our Own' and will result in an exhibition which explores how a room for recovery might help people going through the process of recovery. The workshops will culminate in an exhibition provisionally titled 'A Room of Our Own' which will take place in October 2023 during the Scottish Mental Health Arts Festival in Renfrewshire.

As well as culminating in an exhibition, on a day to day basis the workshop activities might help us explore

- a) what we can do with our Bothy Space to make it a vibrant and social place for recovery
- b) art activities that will help with recovery such as entrepreneurial creativity and productivity skills

During the residencies members of the Bothy Group will learn new practical and creative skills and feel empowered and confident as a group.

The Workshops will run May to October The residency will run for 6 months (22 weeks) and there will be two x 2 hour workshop per week with 2 x half a day sessions for preparation per week.

The workshops will take place at CIRCLE, 81 Glasgow Road Paisley, PA1



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Requirements to Deliver the Commission

Artist Requirements

An ability to help clients develop practical creative skills.

Encourage clients to engage with entrepreneurial creativity and develop productivity skills

An ability to work with groups and experience working with groups

A client focused approach

We are looking for a visual artist with a participatory practice and we would be interested to hear from artists who bring experience of one working with one or more of the following: textiles, woodworking, upcycling, mural making, sculpting, painting, glass painting, pottery, collage, signwriting, landscaping (such as green roofing, wall gardening)

Knowledge of how to procure and work with relevant materials especially reclaimed materials.

An ability to encourage, inspire and teach others to learn the above skills

We would welcome artists with lived experience of recovery.

Artist Duties

Artists need to ensure all elements of the project meet legal and Health and Safety requirements.

Artist need to hold own public liability insurance of a minimum of £5m in advance of contract start date and for duration of contract (or be willing to obtain it for this purpose).

Artists will work with the Project Producer to provide and gather relevant information to monitor and evaluate the programme.

Responsibility for the materials budget and providing materials.

Timeline

The workshops and preparation sessions are to take place at a mutually agreed time Monday to Friday, daytimes between May and October 2023



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Exhibition would launch during SMAFF between 4th – 22nd October 2023

Take down 22nd to 29th October 2023

Evaluation to be submitted 31st October 2023

Outcomes

Adults who have poor mental health or are experiencing loneliness will have been referred to cultural activity

Marginalised people will build confidence and transferable work skills through cultural participation

Participation in the arts and culture will support recovery from addiction for people who use drugs and alcohol

Communities and professional artists/cultural organisations will work together to co-design arts and culture events.

Marginalised groups feel part of their community and feel positive about their participation experiences as well as feeling valued by their communities as a result of participating.

Participants express enthusiasm to engage again in other activities as well as experiencing shared values, aspirations and common ground through arts and cultural activities

Submission Proposal

Please provide

- A CV
- A written statement of approx. 500 words providing details on how they would approach the brief and assign budget.
- Two pieces of relevant work in Jpeg format and/or a website which display relevant work

Assessment Process

A panel will be made up of staff from ONE REN and CIRCLE as well as at least one CIRCLE service user.

We will read proposals and other relevant documents. In order to create shortlist for interview we will assess applications upon the following criteria each being marked out of 5:

- A proven proficiency in relevant artistic skills
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- A proven ability to encourage, inspire and teach others in a client focused approach
- Artistic experience with the relevant client group i.e Recovery, Care Experienced etc.



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The selected artist will be asked to

- Provide 2 references
Complete a PVG application

Deadline April 30th 2023

Contact details for submission and queries

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OneRen (and FP) Boilerplates

OneRen is the local charitable trust in Renfrewshire providing culture, leisure and sporting opportunities to help people enjoy active and healthy lives.

(Future Paisley is the radical and wide-ranging programme of events, activity and investment using the town's unique and internationally significant cultural stories to transform its future.)

CIRCLE is a recovery hub. A unique mental health and addiction service for people looking for a recovery focus