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Brief – Support Artist, Public Engagement Commission

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Our Big Picture Ltd (OBP) is an arts & heritage organisation and social enterprise based in NE Lincolnshire delivering the 'Our Haven' St James Square public arts and heritage project.

Grimsby town centre is seeing a multi-million-pound regeneration programme taking place across key parts of the town centre, including public realm improvements that aim to improve public spaces, help revitalise the centre and encourage private sector investment. £1.54m of this will be spent on the redevelopment of St James Square, Grimsby.

North East Lincolnshire has also been awarded £3.2m by The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport who fund the Cultural Development Fund which is administered by Arts Council England. This investment will enable various organisations and partners to transform the artistic and cultural landscape of the borough, a part of that fund is being invested in St James' Square arts project and will align with other strands of the CDF programme.

St James Square regeneration construction has started. Two lead artists have been appointed to carry out engagement and create public artworks.

Our Haven

'Our Haven' is a community heritage and arts project that gives everyone from Grimsby the opportunity to explore in their own way our heritage of memories, places, objects, beliefs, and legends. We also want to be able to discuss what our future heritage might look like.

There will be creative activities, celebrations and collaborations over the coming months that you, your family, and friends can get involved with. Your creations will directly influence new public artwork and designs in the town.



Support artist commissions

OBP artists team are seeking support artists based in NE Lincolnshire that can assist in the delivery of public engagement specifically focusing on writing, Poetry/spoken word and performance. That will capture the voice of our local communities and inspire, shape and add content to the public artworks.

We want artists and the community to investigate our town's historic, contemporary, and future narratives, hidden and known mythologies, journey and routes etc.

On going community interactions and creative processes are creating multiple and varied conversations that will interconnect within the final artworks.

Aims of Our Haven engagement:

- To deliver a wide and high-quality collaborative community engagement programme
- To challenge traditional ways of engagement and interpretation using contemporary art forms to excite, inspire and engage the audiences. Reflecting past, present and future.
- To provide opportunities to learn about the processes and methods employed by contemporary artists, makers and designers to audiences that would not normally engage with contemporary art.
- To raise local pride in our place - Grimsby and the town centre.
- To provide contemporary artists, makers and designers an opportunity to contribute in new work in a distinctive historic setting.

Commission includes:

- We are in challenging times. One of our main challenges at this time is to gather the thoughts and ideas of a cross demographic and diverse public from communities across Grimsby and NE Lincolnshire.
- Working in line with Government and NELC guidance on Covid 19.
- To deliver engagement activities around themes include localisms – past and present, wordplay and puzzles this content will be etched into path designs and three stone benches. Concepts still to be approved.
- To connect to the wider artist community



- Work with OBP on an exciting safe online community resource that will encourage participation at different levels, creating content that supports research and broadens knowledge.

Other project information, to consider but does not form part of this commission at this stage:-

- We hope to hold a mid-way 'celebration' event that showcases the community's ideas and thoughts and how these are being translated into final artworks. This is more like to be end of 2020 or beginning of 2021 and be virtual.
- A celebration unveiling festival will take place in Spring/Summer 2021.

Who

- We are looking to add to the OBP engagement and delivery team.
- We are looking for a practising artist who have good and positive connections to NE Lincolnshire artistic literary and performance communities and can work with OBP to encourage and support contribution.
- We are looking for artists with a proven track record of engagement in delivery of writing/spoken word, poetry and performance. Working with community groups, schools and public and based in the NE Lincolnshire
- You must hold up to date insurance and DBS
- You must be available to start work immediately and work to a set budget as outlined below

Where

We wanted this project to engage directly with our immediate communities around the town centre but also the wider community and stakeholders of NE Lincolnshire.

We have been working online directly with different community groups. As restrictions are lifted and the project allows, we will looking to more public social distance face to face engagement with communities and schools in the new year.

Artists should follow all Our Big Pictures Ltd and NE Lincolnshire's Councils policies and procedures, including complying with insurance, safeguarding, health and safety and financial requirements as directed by the project management team.



Application process:

Stage 1 – Artist Expression of interest

Artist to submit expressions of interest, tell us why you would be interest in the project and an artist statement with links to work and projects (up to 1 side A4) and artist CV (up to 2 side A4). All submissions should be provided as PDF documents to paula@ourbigpicture.co.uk

Timetable

Stage 1 – Artist expression of interest by **12pm noon 27th August**

Stage 2 – Selection 27th August 2020

Stage 3 - Appointment – 28th August 2020

Fees

Daily rate of £150 (plus VAT if applicable)

Work to be undertaken between August 2020 and February 2021

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