

Women's Photography Collective

Open Call Brief - Stories of Water

Our Big Picture is proud to launch the **Women's Photography Collective**, a supportive and inclusive network for emerging women photographers that supports development in the contemporary photographic industry by creating positive change across the Humber region.

Following the success of our inaugural photography exhibition '*Through Our Eyes*' in February 2023, we are now seeking proposals from photographers and lens-based artists to exhibit work in a new group exhibition in June 2024.

The Brief: Stories of Water

As a coastal community, we are connected to the water, whether that be by the sea, our rivers, or marshland through our homes, work, community, and daily lives.

If we asked you to tell us a story of water, what would you tell us?

We would like you to explore the theme through stories, memories, community, heritage, what you love, and what inspires you.

'Stories of Water' aims to create inclusive arts and heritage for our community across North East Lincolnshire. The proposed works for the exhibit may include but not limited to a photographic series of works relating to shared stories that explore history, community, and culture. The works can be of any genre including fine art, and socially engaged practice. We will also consider moving images and other types of lens-based art.

You are not obliged to make new work for this opportunity, although selected work must respond to the theme accordingly. A small production budget of up to £40 is available to each selected photographer to be used for materials and printing costs related to the exhibition. Due to limited space inside our gallery, we are open to alternative exhibition displays, thus proposals do not necessarily need to be wall-based.

Selected photographers will have at least one mentor session with an established photography specialist, an opportunity to exhibit their work in a group exhibition with other like-minded photographers, and an invitation to join Our Big Picture's: Women's Photography Collective.

Our Big Picture will support successful photographers in all aspects of the exhibition.

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How to Apply:

To be considered for the exhibition opportunity interested applicants should submit an expression of interest and the following to abbie@ourbigpicture.co.uk by 29th March 2024:

- A brief project proposal of 250 words maximum outlining how your exhibited work will respond to the exhibition theme 'Stories of Water'
- A proposed exhibition installation layout. Please note wall space is extremely limited, we estimate a wall space of approximately 150cm wide x 200cm height is available per photographer (this may change depending on the amount of accepted submissions)
- Examples of previous work (e.g. website, social media links, or images) if available
- Production budget breakdown – what is your budget and how will you allocate the funds?

Timescales and Key Project Dates:

- **29th March 2024:** Deadline for proposal submissions
- **W/C 8th April 2024:** Successful photographers notified
- **7th June 2024:** Work to be dropped off at OBP ready for install
- **W/C 10th June 2024:** Exhibition installation
- **22nd June 2024** – Exhibition preview event
- **22nd June – 13th July 2024:** Exhibition dates

Note:

- This is an opportunity for emerging photographers and lens-based artists. The word 'emerging' is up to your discretion, for example, you may be a recent graduate or within the first 5-10 years of your photographic career. There is no age limit.
- The Women's Photography Collective is based in Grimsby but welcomes photographers from further afield. To be considered for this opportunity you must live within a reasonable distance of this location.
- Copyright remains with the artist, but entrants consent to their work appearing on our website, social media and marketing.