

## Artist Call Out – Highfields Voices Project – 3 Artists

*A project for Leicester City young people aged 16-25 to work with industry professionals and work through their Bronze Arts Award.*

**September 2024**

### About the Project

The Mighty Creatives, as part of our Youth Voice work, are partnering with Highfields Centre and Voluntary Action Leicester to work with up to 45 young people aged 16-25, supporting them with their next steps after education through creativity.

The Mighty Creatives are looking to recruit three artists of different disciplines to work with groups of young people and support them through their Bronze Arts Award (there may be some young people who want to work towards Silver, but we anticipate the majority of the awards to be Bronze).

The project is part of a partnership project, titled **Creative Futures**, developed alongside Voluntary Action Leicester and Highfields Centre. The overall projects aim is to develop young people's skills, confidence and employability. Alongside the art-based sessions, Voluntary Action Leicester will be providing CV writing workshops, separately to the art-based sessions.

The project will be delivered at Highfields Centre in Leicester between November 2024 and March 2025. Highfields Centre has access to state-of-the-art equipment, art rooms, recording studios and media suites.

Having consulted with young people, we are looking for three artists, each of one of the following artistic disciplines:

- Outdoor Art, Graffiti/Street Art
- Digital Art (photography, music and/or film)
- Visual Art (textiles, painting, pottery, sculpture, crafts)

If you are an artist operating in one of the above artforms and you are interested in this work, please read further information below and submit a completed application form to [recruitment@themightycreatives.com](mailto:recruitment@themightycreatives.com) by **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 9am**.

**More information on the opportunity and the expression of interest can be found below.**

#### a) The Brief

##### Project Aim

We are looking for applications from artists who have experience of delivering Bronze Arts Award (as an advisor or otherwise) to work with a group of up to 15 young people at any given time of the project. We have budget to train the chosen artist to become an Arts Award Advisor if this is required.

We anticipate the 15 young people to remain the same over the course of the project to allow for building of rapport and consistency, but there may be some slight changes to the group.

The final aim of this project is for every young person to be awarded at least a Bronze Arts Award qualification, and to showcase their artwork/creations at a final endpoint celebration or showcase. We hope that this project will support a group of young leaders within the Highfields community to support future work for Highfields Centre.

Sessions will run three times a week (for 2 hours per session) to allow for accessibility to those young people who may or may not be in education, employment or training. Artists may get young people attend one of the sessions a week, or across multiple sessions a week.

### Timeline

The days currently set for delivery are on the following days\*:

- Mondays 12.30-2.30pm (2 hours)
- Wednesday 4.30-6.30pm (2 hours)
- Fridays 4.30-6.30pm (2 hours)

These are to take place on weeks commencing\*:

- 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024
- 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024
- 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024
- 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024
- 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024
- 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024
- 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024
- 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025
- 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025
- 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025
- 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025
- 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025

On the week of the 17<sup>th</sup> February, we hope for the commissioned artists to deliver longer sessions across 2 days to act as portfolio catch up sessions for Arts Award. This falls in the February half term.

On the week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> March, we aim for the final sessions to take place as a sharing/exhibition/showcase/performance of the artwork created by the young people.

*\*Delivery days and dates may be subject to slight changes.*

### Bronze Arts Award Criteria

In order to achieve the Arts Award, the artist, over the 14 weeks, will:

- **Run a range of creative activities** – this should also include a reflection on how their interests, knowledge and skills have developed,
- **Lead the group in exploring the arts as an audience member** – for example attending a museum or going to a gallery. This must include a reflection on their experience which will then need to be shared with at least one person,
- **Have each young person research an artist each** – This should include a summary (in any format) of why they have selected their chosen artist to research and what they have learned about that persons arts practice, career, life and work.
- **Lead the young people in sharing an arts skill** – This should involve the young person giving an explanation of their skill including why they chose it and how it will be shared. The sharing of the skill will need to be evidenced and reflected on after the fact.

All aspects need to be recorded in a portfolio (physical or digital) or on TMC's online My Creative Track (more information on My Creative Track can be shared if relevant) so that the work can be moderated and scored at the end of the project.

It's important to note that the moderation will be led by our Project Producer, this will not be part of the Artist responsibility. All artists will be managed by our Project Producer, supported by other members of The Mighty Creatives' team.

### b) Budgets and Payments

The total payment available for each artist is **£6,000 inclusive of VAT**. This payment is inclusive of.

- Payment for your time (inclusive of direct delivery and planning),
- Your travel reimbursements,
- Resources and materials cost.

We have additional budgets for the endpoint celebration/festival as well as Arts Award moderation costs.

See below on how to respond to this opportunity.

### c) Responding to this Brief

If you are interested in this work, please email a completed application form to [recruitment@themightycreatives.com](mailto:recruitment@themightycreatives.com) by **9am on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October**.

Shortlisting will be taking place on the 11<sup>th</sup> October, with interviews on the 18<sup>th</sup> October. If you have not heard from us by this date, unfortunately your application has been unsuccessful.

In your application form, applicants must respond to our criteria for our successful artists:

- Essential Criteria
  - Experience in delivering creative projects with young people age 16-25,
  - An understanding of Arts Award and its processes (prior experience delivering Arts Award sessions is required),
  - Experience an understanding of supporting young people with their own areas of interest and encouraging personal development,
  - Strong organisational and interpersonal skills,
  - Experience of taking leadership from young people, working alongside them,
  - Experience of managing their own budgets and project finances,
  - A flexible and adaptable approach.
  
- Desirable Criteria
  - Experience of delivering creative projects in Highfields as a community, or at least in the broader Leicester City area,
  - Experience of working on cross-partnership projects,
  - Experience of supporting volunteers.

As we do not know the young people yet, it's important to say that we recognise that you will not be able to provide an exact plan and this may change if successful, however a brief overview of how you will approach it will be really useful and allow us to imagine the type of work you may be delivering.

If you have any questions, please email [recruitment@themightycreatives.com](mailto:recruitment@themightycreatives.com).