

Photographer Project Opportunity

In partnership with <u>Fearnhill School</u> and <u>Letchworth Garden City</u>
<u>Heritage Foundation</u>
April 2025

Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation has commissioned us at The Mighty Creatives to support their A Great Place to Grow Up strategy, supporting them and their partners to better understand children and young people's experiences of growing up in Letchworth, and further exploring how it can be made into a more youth-friendly space.

As part of this, we are working in partnership with Fearnhill School and a small number of their students on a 4-day photography project running from **Monday 30th June to Thursday 3rd July.** We are looking for a photographer to lead this project in Letchworth.

If you are interested in this work, please submit a completed application form to recruitment@themightycreatives.com by **9am on Tuesday 19**th **May 2025**.

More information on the opportunity, the expression of interest and how to apply can be found below.

a) The Context

As part of The Mighty Creatives' core strands of work, we offer youth voice consultancy. This is where organisations can commission us at TMC to lead creative youth voice sessions, to gather the voices of children and young people in order for them to have a meaningful impact on services that impact their lives.

The aim of the project is to work with a small group of students at Fearnhill School (between Year 9 and Year 13) over four days to:

- Explore Letchworth and surrounding areas to capture key areas they like, dislike or see the potential in using photographic techniques,
- Reimagine these spaces using photographic or editing techniques to explore the potential in these spaces,
- Exhibit work created and facilitate discussions with key partners.

There will also be an element of the four days (second half of the final day) where we will be exploring some of the provision provided by Fearnhill as part of their sports day.

The aim of these four days is to gain a better understanding of where young people gravitate towards in Letchworth and where they see potential for spaces in Letchworth to become more youth-friendly and inclusive spaces for children and young people growing up today in 2025.



This piece of work will complement other work happening as part of the broader work of this project, including:

- Survey consultation with CYP aged 5-25,
- Creative consultation workshops with Infant and Primary schools as well as Youth Groups,
- The development of a Youth Advisory Group for Letchworth,
- Community consultation as part of our Community Action Group.

b) The Brief

In order to deliver this four day photography residency and exhibition, we are looking for a photographer who has experience of group facilitation with young people to lead and deliver the project to this brief and support the young people's development.

The photographer must be available on the following dates to deliver the project:

- **Monday 30th June** This will be a day on site in and around Letchworth, working on foot with the young people to capture key areas of Letchworth using photography. It may be that the morning of this day is spent in school exploring key photography techniques to help get the group started.
- **Tuesday 1**st **July** This will be the second and final day on site in and around Letchworth.
- **Wednesday 2nd July –** This will be spent in school using their facilities to edit and reimagine the images either using creating techniques like collaging, graphic design or otherwise. Or simply editing the photos themselves. The afternoon of this day will be about preparing for the exhibition/sharing.
- **Thursday 3rd July (until 11am) –** This will be spent sharing the artwork in schools we anticipate inviting project partners, peers and family members to this.
- Thursday 3rd July (11.30am onwards) This will be spent capturing images of Fearnhill's sports day, with the young people as young photographers, to support capturing sport and enrichment activities for children and young people in Letchworth.

The successful photographer will also have additional time for planning and editing of photographs outside of these four days, to be actioned outside of these times.

Ideally, we would also like the photographer to capture behind the scenes images of the process, as well as photographs of the sharing event on Thursday 3rd July.

There will also be additional support from other groups across Letchworth, where and if available, including the Young Curators Group at the Gallery in Letchworth who could come in to offer expertise in curation.

There also is ambition for the photos and artwork created to be shared more broadly at future events as part of this project.



The young people will be, as part of these four days, working towards their Arts Award Bronze level, supported by The Mighty Creatives.

c) Criteria

We are looking for a photographer who can evidence the following criteria required for the project:

Essential:

- Previous experience of delivering photography/artistic workshops with children and young people
- Previous experience of supporting young people with their creative skills and development
- Previous experience of or knowledge of Arts Award Bronze level
- Excellent time management and organisation skills
- Exemplary knowledge of safeguarding and health and safety
- Previous experience of supporting or leading an exhibition
- Experience in differentiating activities to make them accessible and inclusive for different learners
- Must hold an enhanced DBS certificate or be willing to undergo one for this project.

Desirable:

- Knowledge of Letchworth Garden City, either by living, working or studying in the area
- Experience of supporting young people to develop portfolios of work
- Experience of budget management.

d) Budgets

The total payment available for an artist practitioner for this work is £2,200 inclusive of VAT. This is for a total of:

- 2 days of planning time
- 4 days of delivery time (from 30th June to 3rd July)
- 2 days of post-delivery editing and evaluation time.

These have been calculated at a day rate of £275 per day.

There is a budget of £300 to contribute to resources for the sessions and contribute to printing of the photographs where required professionally.

TMC will also reimburse travel expenses for the project, additional to the above, when agreed in advance.

See below on how to respond to this opportunity.



e) Responding to this Brief

If you are interested in this work, please complete the application form downloadable with this callout, to recruitment@themightycreatives.com by 9am on Tuesday 20th May 2025.

We will aim to let people know as soon as possible after the deadline.

If you have any questions, please email Emily: Emily.york@themightycreatives.com.