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Bringing together your memories and visions of Dartford

Invitation for Public Artworks

June 2015

Dartford Arts Network, in association with Dartford Borough Council, is running a project to create a series of artworks on the hoardings in Lowfield Street, Dartford.

We would like to invite proposals from a range of artists and organisations, including schools, colleges, businesses, and community groups, and a variety of disciplines including photography, illustration, painting, printmaking and sculpture.

The project is part of an on-going process to facilitate community engagement in the arts and creative industries and host similar arts projects on a regular basis. More information can be found on our website; www.dartfordartsnetwork.com.

What are we looking for?

Artists and groups are invited to submit a short proposal for an artwork or artworks. The artists and groups selected will be asked to apply the artwork on the dates outlined in the timeframe.

Essential requirements

Reflecting on Dartford's rich and diverse character, we are looking for artworks that:

- Are positive and imaginative
- Show a commitment to community involvement and engagement
- Reflect the dynamic, multi-cultural demographic of Dartford
- Show a local connection to the area

Preference will be given to:

- Artists and organisations who live, study or work in Dartford
- Proposals that allow others to contribute or participate and involves a group in the community:
 - The concept may be, for example, asking the group to write a memory, a hope, a wish, a fact, to draw their own park or town, links to Dartford's heritage.)
 - The artworks should be curated into one artwork
- Proposals that are more experimental and innovative, for example, an infographic or data visualisation

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The final artwork will be curated in context with the other artworks.

Application of artwork

Materials will be paid for. The artwork will either be:

- 1) Applied in up to 4 colours of paint, to reference the print-making process (e.g. screen printing or risoprinting),
- 2) Printed on a fly poster (allocated for photography, print-making or other designed pieces – supplied as a PDF.)

Prizes

The three winning proposals will be awarded a prize.

Prize	Award
First prize	£240
2 x Runners up prize	£110

We welcome proposals from a range of organisations and encourage collaborative submissions between different groups or individuals.

Guidelines for Proposal

Dartford Arts Network and Dartford Borough Council will offer support and advice, however the production, coordination and application of the artworks will be the responsibility of the artist or organisation. The artworks must adhere to the guidelines provided. The proposal should include:

- Name
- Discipline (e.g. painting, photography)
- Location
- Do you live, work or study in Dartford?
- Size of artwork (must be an A size – A4 to A0)
- At least 1 sketch of your proposed artwork **OR** a recent PDF portfolio of previous work, up to 10MB

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Optional supporting material

- Creative concept (up to 500 words)
- A current CV (if you are an individual applicant) or organisation overview (if you are applying as a business, organisation, collective etc.). This should include evidence of relevant experience, knowledge, skills and abilities. Please note - In your CV please include a description of any current and/or previous work and connections to Dartford or surrounding areas that may add value to your proposal.
- Community, outreach and advertising ideas (if applicable)
- Website (if applicable)

Please note all facilitators working with children/young people and/or vulnerable adults will be required to have had a recent DBS check or be willing to undertake one.

Please note the scope of project does not include permanent artwork, however provision may be taken where possible to create removable artworks. The artist will own the artwork, unless otherwise agreed with DAN and DBC at the time of creation. DBC will take responsibility for removal, storage and disposal of the artwork unless otherwise agreed with the artist at the time of creation.

Process

Applicants will be required to submit their proposals using the template provided. These will be assessed against the selection criteria outline below by a panel chosen by Dartford Arts Network. This panel will select proposals to develop further and may wish to meet the organiser(s) to discuss their proposals.

The panel will make a recommendation to the Dartford Borough Council and the landowner as to which proposals to take forward.

Timeframe

Deadline	Date
First Call	5th July 2015 at 5pm
Second call	9th July 2015 at 5pm
First application of artworks	18th & 19th July 2015
Second application of artworks	22nd & 23rd August 2015

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You may be invited to attend a drop-in session where we can talk about your proposal.

Drop-in Sessions
4 July 2015
15 August 2015

Contacts

For further information please email nicola@dartfordartsnetwork.com.

Please send your proposal electronically to nicola@dartfordartsnetwork.com, or post to Nicola Yuen, Dartford Arts Network, What If...? Gallery, 67 High Street, Dartford, Kent DA1 1DJ.

Get involved

If you're interested in what we do, would like to know more, or want to tell us about what you do, please don't hesitate to drop us a line!