



## Artist Brief for Bishop Auckland Advent Windows

Bishop Auckland Town Team ([bishopaucklandtownteam.org](http://bishopaucklandtownteam.org)) is seeing an artist or arts organisation to lead on an exciting project this autumn/winter leading to a celebratory event in Bishop Auckland, County Durham, at Christmas 2019.

### PROJECT SUMMARY

Building on events in previous years, the project will take the form of a giant advent calendar. Twenty four shops in the town will open up a new window on a Christmas theme every day from December 1-24. Each shop partners with a school or other community organisation which designs and installs the display a day or two before the opening. The project has happened on a smaller scale in previous years and has always been very successful.

<http://bishopaucklandtownteam.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/47/2019/02/Advent-Windows-2018-Photo-report.pdf>

This year we are planning a Spanish theme, based around the return of the iconic 13 paintings by the Spanish artist Zurbarán to Auckland Castle. 24 life-size models will be made of those 13 characters along with other models of characters from the nativity story.

### DATES

The project will take place between September 2019 and January 2020.

### ACTIVITY

The preparatory work of model making in the autumn will take place in schools and community groups in Bishop Auckland and the surrounding area. In December, 'opening events' will happen each day between 1-24. On Christmas Eve there will be a parade through the town, where all models will be collected from the shops and paraded through the town to St Peter's Chapel at Auckland Castle where they will be on display as a life-size nativity scene until February.

The successful artist will be required to work with each participating school or community group to make one of the life-size models for the final nativity scene.

### BUDGET

The delivery of this project is at the moment dependent on funding applications. We anticipate knowing the full amount available by the end of July, 2019.

The fee available for an artist/arts organization to deliver the work will be £3000 - £6000 (number of participating schools to be proportionate to funds available). NB: This is an inclusive fee for delivery but does not include the cost of materials which will be additional.

### ACCOUNTABLE BODY

The appointed artist will be accountable to the Bishop Auckland Town Team who are leading on this project. The Town Team comprises a number of experienced volunteers who will fully support the artist, liaise with schools, community groups and participating shops and help with sourcing materials and possibly storage if required.



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### PROPOSAL

Please submit a proposal on no more than 2 sides of A4 outlining your approach to the work including

- How you would approach a workshop in a school or community setting
- Your suggested style of the models
- An indication of the cost of your chosen materials to create 24 models
- Confirmation that you have public liability insurance up to £5million
- Confirmation that you have current (no older than 3 years) DBS clearance.

together with a CV outlining your previous experience in participatory arts activity with images (or links to images) of your work. Proposals should be sent to David Pott at [badventwindows@gmail.com](mailto:badventwindows@gmail.com) NO LATER THAN MIDDAY ON FRIDAY 9 AUGUST