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Creativity in Crisis in Willington Open Door Methodist Church

ARTIST'S BRIEF

Northern Heartlands is seeking proposals from individual artists, groups of artists or independent arts organisations for a project that engages **members of the community at Willington Open Door Methodist Church (South West Durham)** in response to the current COVID crisis.

We have received a small amount of funding from the 3 Towns AAP for this activity.

After consultation with community members at Willington Open Door Church we are seeking to commission a multidisciplinary artist to deliver a series of activities suitable for all ages and abilities.

Willington Open Door Methodist Church is a vibrant community hub in Willington, serving more vulnerable members of the community.

We are looking for a proposal that addresses the issues that people have had to face during lockdown and Covid and the impact the pandemic is having on their lives and their mental health now.

The successful applicant will be required to deliver a short report at the end of the project to include:

Any feedback on the management of the project by Northern Heartlands and the Community Group

A record of the numbers of those who took part

Any reflections on the experience of working with this group

Any feedback on individual stories or other anecdotal evidence

Permission forms and participant evaluation forms will be provided by Northern Heartlands; please note that some participants may need support in completing these.

Funds available:

We have a total of £1,800 available for this project. It is expected that the funding detailed above would include artists' fees and materials for a series of workshop sessions held at the Open Door Church. A small amount could be available for travel costs on top of this fee.

What your proposal should include:

1. An outline of the activities you are offering
2. Some indication of the group/community this is suitable for - it would help to know the age ranges/group types you are comfortable working with. This could include young people and families (please indicate any age limit), or those with learning and/or physical disabilities and those dealing with mental health issues. The workshop sessions will be promoted and participants recruited by the Open Door Church once the activity and artist/s have been confirmed.
3. The timescale involved – when the activity might start and finish. This does not have to be specific dates; it might just mean, for instance, that you would offer 6 creative digital sessions of 2 hours each over a 6 week period, but please tell us here when you would be available to deliver the activity. **PLEASE NOTE: All sessions must take place before – 30th June 2021.**
4. A brief outline budget. Your budget should just include a breakdown of artists' fees/day/session and the cost of any materials required.
5. Your name, address and contact details.

Please submit a written proposal on no more than 2 sides of A4, together with a brief CV. You may include up to 3 images to illustrate your work and/or a link to your website or Facebook page.

DEADLINE: Proposals must be submitted by 5.00 pm on WEDNESDAY 5th MAY 2021. After shortlisting we may invite you to an informal interview with members of the community and we hope to notify the successful applicant by Friday 7th May. You may apply as in individual artist, on behalf of a group of artists or as an independent arts organisation.

PLEASE EMAIL YOUR PROPOSAL TO: info@northernheartlands.org

with “CREATIVITY IN CRISIS PROPOSAL” in the subject line.

We look forward to hearing from you!