

Whatever the Weather

The Programme

Whatever the Weather is our foremost creative arts programme using different art forms to address locally identified health and wellbeing needs. It will enable our partner districts and boroughs to deliver excellent, inspiring participatory arts exactly where it is needed. Our collaborative approach will seek to strengthen local networks and broker new relationships with health and social sector professionals. The projects will have a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of the participants enabling them to explore, develop and grow through creativity and by contributing to community projects.

Evaluation will be fundamental in measuring the impact of the overall programme and we envisage each project adopting an active learning approach that starts by posing a question and follows a process of creative experimentation to test out solutions.

The projects

The projects will take place in nine communities across Surrey providing creative engagement opportunities for people of all ages affected by or experiencing mental health challenges. The following gives an indication of the places, people and partners involved:

Runnymede	Young people aged 13-16, working with the mental health charity Cornerhouse.
Spelthorne	Young people affected by substance abuse, working with Surrey Family Services, Eikon Charity and youth police officers.
Surrey Heath	Students from Carwarden School (special needs school), working with Camberley Theatre to explore differences through dance.
Tandridge	Working with young people in Caterham referred by de Stafford School, Tandridge Family Services and Surrey's Children Services.
Waverley	Young adults transitioning from services provided by Creative Response, a creative mental health charity in Farnham (this group meets on Mondays)
Guildford	Working with older adults in sheltered accommodation.
Woking	Young people aged 13-16, linking with the mental health charity, Cornerhouse
Mole Valley	TBC
Reigate & Banstead	Working with school children and linking in with Tandridge.

The Practitioner

We are looking for artists from a variety of creative disciplines to be partnered with one or two community groups in Surrey. If successful you will link with our Lead Artist, Tom Cook and be involved in planning the individual project(s) with your host organisation(s).

Essential Personal Qualities:

- Working with communities, shaping and adapting projects to meet their needs
- Involving people in creative activities that inspire and build confidence
- Strong communication and people skills
- Effective project management skills and knowledge of evaluation techniques

Desirable Personal Qualities:

- Delivering inclusive arts opportunities to people experiencing mental health challenges
- Experience of delivering reflective practice and/or enquiry based learning
- Flexible working and access to own transport

The fee will be equivalent to approximately £200 per day, inclusive of travel expenses.

A separate budget for materials will also be agreed during the planning phase. The total number of days will be approximately 12 days.

Key Dates

- The deadline for applications is **5pm on Monday 3 December 2018**
- Shortlisted applicants **MUST** be available for interview on **Monday 10 December 2018**
- The successful applicant must also be available for a briefing and planning Day in Surrey – **31 January 2019**, Park House, Leatherhead
- The project will begin with the planning phase in February followed by the delivery of the project taking place between February and June 2019 and with at least 1 day for review and reflection in May/June.

Application Information

For more information please contact: Charlotte Hall on 01483 523390 (Tues – Thurs) or Hannah Dix on 01483 444767 (Mon – Thurs)

To apply please post a hard copy of your CV, some evidence of your work and a covering letter outlining: **Why this partnership project is of interest to you and how you feel your experience as an artist/ creative practitioner would support this project to:**

Charlotte Hall
 Arts and Cultural Services
 Waverley Borough Council
 The Burys
 Godalming
 GU7 1HR

or email charlotte.hall@waverley.gov.uk

You may include any website links, promotional CDs or DVDs, as supporting evidence of your work. Please supply an email address and/or contact telephone number, as all applications received will be acknowledged. Should you not receive an acknowledgement following your submission please contact us to ensure we have received it.

All applications are assessed and scored in accordance with Equal Opportunities policies.

Among other things, the selection panel will be looking for a sense of:

- The overall response to the concept, the key themes outlined above.
- Approach to working in community settings
- Quality and depth of creative practice
- Appropriateness for the context