



Collingwood
School and Media Arts College

Mini-commission call-outs for Collingwood School & Media Arts College

Culture Bridge North East (CBNE), in collaboration with Collingwood School and Media Arts College in Morpeth, are seeking artists/organisations to deliver an innovative school partnership project.

Arts and culture are the rights of every child and we believe that pupils at Collingwood School & Media Arts College should be allowed to explore and celebrate their talents; they should be stretched and challenged and they should be prepared for the next stages of their lives. Cultural inclusion is at the heart of what we do; however, we are looking to address an increasing concern about the disparities in opportunities for those groups who are already too often marginalised in society. Groups like our learners, with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), for example.

The diversity of the arts world has a particular synergy with the diversity and creativity of children who think differently and see the world differently. Cultural inclusion is about more than making sure that learners with SEND do not miss out on having rich creative experiences in their lives, but also about ensuring that they have role models and pathways to ensure that we, as a society, do not miss out on their talent and creativity in the future.

We want pupils to be inspired by the arts, by the artists that they meet and the experiences that they get to undertake through this programme. We want pupils to know and understand the breadth of the art forms, to understand that the arts are a viable option for them, for their careers and their futures.

Brief:

We are looking for experienced, professional artists and organisations/companies from a variety of art forms, who have experience of working with and alongside young people with SEND, to deliver a series of one day workshops in Collingwood School from November 2021 - March 2022. There are seven mini-commissions available. Dates and times are flexible for workshop delivery. Pupils will range from 11-18 years old.

Budget:

We are looking to commission seven artists/organisations in total. Each commission has a budget of £350 for a one-day workshop (inclusive of travel and expenses). We envisage that each workshop will last approximately 1/1.5 hours and will be repeated throughout the day to engage as many pupils as possible.

We hope that each micro commission will:

- Provide a platform where pupils can meet and be inspired by professional artists/organisations who have made a career from their art form.
- Have an opportunity to ask questions, to explore career options and to think about the arts as a potential career pathway.

- To see first-hand, artists working in their field.
- To experience memorable 'wow' moments.
- To engage in and try out a series of arts activities.
- To be inspired by their experiences.

Timescale:

Application deadline: Monday 15 November 2021

Shortlisting: w/c 22 November 2021

Delivery: Successful organisation/artists will deliver their one-day workshops between November - March 2022.

Management of the project:

The creative producer, on behalf of Culture Bridge North East, will manage the project. Contracts, budget and health and safety will be managed by Collingwood School.

How to apply:

Please send a covering letter of no more than one page explaining:

- How you would approach the workshop and what you hope to achieve for this project.
- Evidence of previous relevant experience which demonstrates your suitability for this work.
- Links to website/previous projects.

Our Belief:

Culture Bridge North East is committed to cultivating and preserving a culture of inclusion and connectedness. We are able to grow and learn better together with a diverse team of employees. The collective sum of the individual differences, life experiences, knowledge, innovation, self-expression, and talent that our employees and contract staff invest in their work represents not only part of our culture, but our reputation. In any recruitment we undertake, we welcome the unique contributions that individuals can bring in terms of their education, opinions, culture, ethnicity, race, sex, gender identity and expression, nation of origin, age, languages spoken, veteran's status, colour, religion, disability, sexual orientation and beliefs.

Please return your application to: mark.dunphy@collingwood.northumberland.sch.uk

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