

MK Gallery

Head of Art / Art Coordinator

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Dear Head of Art / Art Co-ordinator



MK Gallery is pleased to announce the launch of ***Design Your MK: The Porte Cochere Project***, a competition and workshop programme available to all primary and secondary schools in Milton Keynes.

Design Your MK celebrates the creation of four new temporary artworks, developed by internationally renowned artists, which will be installed on porte cocheres across the city in autumn 2011. For those of you who don't know, porte cocheres are the black roofed structures located on boulevards across Milton Keynes that provide shelter to pedestrians.

MK Gallery invites children aged 4 to 16 to create exciting, colourful designs, which they would like to see installed on porte cocheres across the city. The competition opens on Monday 12 September and closes on Sunday 30 October 2011. The four winning entries will be painted onto selected porte cocheres in November 2011.

To get the design juices flowing, MK Gallery will be hosting a series of 12 half-day workshops during the first three weeks of October (Monday 3 – Friday 21 October 2011). Primary and secondary school groups are invited to book on to a workshop, available on a first come first served basis. We will not be setting dates, giving schools the opportunity to negotiate with us the best date and time for their workshop. Sessions will give young people the chance to learn more about the four artist commissions and generate ideas to create their own design.

We will be in touch again at the beginning of September with further details, including ways in which pupils can submit their designs. At this stage, all we ask is that you pencil the dates in your diary and let us know if are interested in participating in the design competition, and/or booking a workshop. Please send expressions of interest to efry@mkgallery.org

In other news, the latest version of our Exhibitions Forward Planning document will be available to download at our www.mkgallery.org from Monday 25 July.

MK Gallery would like to wish you a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday and we look forward to working with you again in the new school year!

Yours faithfully,

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