

Artist Residency 2016

Call for Artists: Outdoor Arts Practitioner

MK Gallery's Learning Programme encourages interaction and learning through direct contact with artists and their practice. MK Gallery is recruiting for an Artist Residency for 2016. The Learning Team seeks an Outdoor Arts Practitioner to deliver *Green Town Group*, an outdoor arts programme supported by the Ernest Cook Trust. The programme will offer inspiring and experimental opportunities to combine outdoor learning approaches with contemporary arts practice working across the Gallery's schools and family programme. Via a series of twelve sessions with four selected schools (occurring between Jan- 2016) and six sessions for families with children 7+ during school holiday periods (Jan-Dec 2016) the selected artist will be asked to devise and deliver progressive learning opportunities that bring audiences closer to understanding and contributing to the artistic process and exploring the possibilities of the outdoors. All school sessions will take place outdoors in Milton Keynes Parks Trust sites; family sessions may incorporate elements of working outdoors, with indoor working inspired by the outdoors. The sessions will be developed in dialogue with MK Gallery's Learning Team.

Programme Expectations

The selected artist must be able to demonstrate an enthusiasm for outdoor learning. Applicants must have the ability to draw upon a wide selection of ideas and skills in order to initiate exciting creative learning experiences, working with contemporary arts practice in an outdoor context. Applicants should ensure they can provide an up to date DBS certificate and Arts Award Discover and Explore training is particularly desirable, although training can be undertaken as part of the residency.

Arts Award Discover & Explore

Arts Award is a national scheme encouraging children to enjoy and experience 'the arts'. *Discover* (5+yrs) and *Explore* (7+yrs) levels both encourage children and young people to think about the arts around them, find out about artists and their work, and share their experiences with others. We will actively encourage project participants to undertake their Arts Award as part of *Green Town Group*. We would expect that Arts Award Discover & Explore training would be undertaken by the selected artist if appropriate. Please visit www.artsaward.org.uk for further information.

Please ensure your availability for ALL confirmed session dates before applying:

Family Holiday sessions:

Feb Half Term Sessions:	Friday 19 Feb, 10am-12noon & 2-4pm
Easter Break Sessions:	Friday 8 Apr, 10am-12noon & 2-4pm
Spring Half Term Sessions:	Friday 3 Jun, 10am-12noon & 2-4pm
Summer Holiday Sessions:	Friday 29 Jul, 10am-12noon & 2-4pm
Summer Holiday Sessions:	Friday 26 Aug, 10am-12noon & 2-4pm
Autumn Half Term Sessions:	Friday 28 Oct, 10am-12noon & 2-4pm

The dates of the 12 school sessions and final celebratory events will be confirmed in consultation with class teachers and the selected artist, to occur approximately twice a month.

Artists Fee

The total project fee is £5,000. This fee includes all project planning, preparatory meetings, delivery (including 12 days working with schools, 6 days working with families and associated celebratory events) and associated travel costs. A materials budget of up to

£1,000 will be made available to the artist. This amount is inclusive of all session costs, to be agreed in advance for each session.

How to Apply:

Please email Bethany Mitchell (Childhood Learning Coordinator) at bmitchell@mkgallery.org or visit the MK Gallery website www.mkgallery.org to download a recruitment pack for this residency. **Deadline for application: 5pm, Friday 11 December 2016**