

Action4Youth & Buckinghamshire Culture Artists' Brief

The Junction Youth Project

1. Project Summary

Action4Youth and Buckinghamshire Culture wish to appoint an artist/creative/collective specialising in photography/moving image to work with 12-18 year olds attending The Junction Youth Hub in High Wycombe. We are seeking an artist capable of inspiring young people and encouraging them to get involved and create and shape new work together or individually. We want to see the group creating a project output that is relevant to them and their peers (this could be an exhibition, film screening, mini festival, open day, performance etc).

2. Background

Action4Youth is an ambitious, proactive charity focused on driving forward the crucial youth agenda to transform lives for the better. Every child should have the opportunity to be heard, to be safe and to succeed. This Autumn, Action4Youth will launch their new youth hub, The Junction at High Wycombe Library. Action4Youth aim to offer a range of creative and cultural opportunities through a programme designed to introduce more young people to arts, culture and heritage.

Buckinghamshire Culture is the cultural partnership for the county, driving forward a vision for a bright creative and cultural future in Bucks.

We are working together to co-commission a project designed to engage 12-18 years olds in High Wycombe, many from disadvantaged backgrounds, who have little or no opportunity to engage with the arts. In the aftermath of Covid-19, which has had a profound effect on our young people, we are keen to support mental health, resilience and self-expression through access to the arts. We wish to engage an artist/creative/collective with a specialism in photography/moving image to work collaboratively with young people, sharing skills and enabling creativity, with the aim of co-producing a final event/showcase/exhibition on an agreed theme.

3. Commission Aim

Aim: to engage a group of 12-18 year olds attending The Junction Youth Hub in High Wycombe in arts/creative activities that support mental health, resilience and self-expression.

Objectives:

- a) To enable young people that would normally not engage with the arts to have the opportunity to work with an artist and be creative
- b) To enable a cohort of young people to work with an artist to shape a project and co-produce an output together – creating a project that is relevant to them and their peers (this could be an exhibition, film screening, mini festival, open day, performance etc)
- c) To enable a cohort of young people to create new photography/moving image outputs they are proud of

- d) To enable a cohort of young people to build their sense of good mental health/wellbeing, resilience and self-expression through engaging with the arts
- e) To create an event, showcase, or exhibition at the end of the project that the young people have co-produced, and take pride in
- f) To show how VCSE organisations that might not usually embed arts into their work can do so effectively with interesting and engaging outputs.

The young people that Action4Youth work with may be experiencing challenges and we are keen to work with artists who have experience of working with young people in similar situations previously.

4. Management and Reporting

Regular reporting meetings will be scheduled to review progress.

These will be held by Buckinghamshire Culture and Action4Youth representatives.

There will be an external filmmaker appointed to document delivery of this commission and the final output.

5. Budget

A budget of £7,500 inclusive of any VAT to be charged is available.

This is a fully inclusive fee. There is no additional budget for materials.

6. Skills and Experience

We are seeking an artist(s) able to work in collaboration with young people, to inspire them and help shape their vision for a project.

The successful applicant will have experience of working with young people from vulnerable and disadvantaged backgrounds. They will be able to show their track record of co-production with young people, producing high quality outputs that those involved can be proud of. They will hold public liability insurance and a DBS certificate.

7. Selection Process/Criteria

To apply please provide the items in the table below:

Please submit the following:	How this will be used for assessment:
Up to 2 A4 pages outlining: Your approach to the project Why you are well placed to deliver it Sharing your relevant experience	Assessed for: Experience of similar delivery Ability to work with the target audience Appropriateness of discipline and approach Quality of process/approach
Up to date CV	Experience of similar delivery Quality of work

Up to three examples of previous work	Assessed for quality, ethos of co-production, vibrancy
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8. Timescales

Deadline for applications: 9am, 11th October 2021

Interviews: 14th and 15th October 2021

Appointment: end October

Delivery period: October 21 – March 2022

9. Submission of Proposal

Please email the three items outlined in the table above to Lallie:

Lallie@buckinghamshireculture.org by 9am, 11th October 2021

10. Further Information

For further information please contact: Lallie – Lallie@buckinghamshireculture.org