



MAKING OF US

Call for applications to the Making of Us: a learning and development programme for socially engaged artists

The Turnpike is delighted to announce the Making of Us, a new artist development programme for socially engaged artists living and working in Greater Manchester.

The Making Of Us is delivered through The Turnpike's existing partnerships with Wigan Targeted Youth Services and True Colours CIC, and through a new collaborative relationship with The Together Trust. The programme focuses on up-skilling and diversifying the artistic workforce delivering socially engaged projects across Greater Manchester and is formed around a series of live collaborative projects across the Wigan, Stockport and Salford districts.

Six artists will be awarded a £2,000 bursary with access to a professional development and training programme to build skills and knowledge in social arts practice, working with adults and young people. Artists will also be awarded a materials budget and reasonable travel, subsistence and accommodation costs will be covered (if required).

The professional development and training programme will include the following:

- Training workshops delivered by partner organisations
- Mentoring and peer-led knowledge exchange events
- Participation in a 'live' collaborative project working with at least one other artist, one partner organisation, and individuals aged 13 - 25 years who identify as experiencing adversity (e.g. are care experienced, have mental health issues, are neuro-diverse or are living with a physical illness or impairment)
- An opportunity to develop responsive non face-to-face practices, including digital and blended approaches with a focus on accessibility and inclusivity.
- Contributions to programme research and evaluation

- Participation in a one-day conference in Spring 2022 to share learning with colleagues in Greater Manchester working across culture, health, and social sectors

PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

October - December 2020

- 6 artists selected for participation in the programme
- Initial conversation and planning session with programme partners (True Colours CIC, The Together Trust and Wigan Youth Services)
- Mapping of development needs
- Identify training requirements; delivered by partners
- Introduction to project participants

December 2020 - May 2021

- The first 'live' commissions take place

February 2021

- Midpoint group project meetup, sharing of learning so far
- Evaluation session

April - May 2021

- Commissions conclude, sharing of outcomes

March 2022

- A one-day conference to showcase the commissions and share learning with colleagues in Greater Manchester working across culture, health and social sectors

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Artists living and working in Greater Manchester
- Artists with protected characteristics who are under-represented in the sector.
- Artists with some experience of socially engaged practice, who are looking for a substantial development opportunity to move their practice onto the next level
- Artists with some experience of working with vulnerable young people and adults would be advantageous
- Artists who will be open to regular constructive feedback to refine and develop their practice

We are committed to the promotion of equal opportunities and fully support the principles of equality and diversity. We fully recognise that groups and individuals in society are disadvantaged due to discrimination directed against them and we aim to remove any barriers.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Please submit the following documents by email to:

Emma Fry and Shelley Cater-Shipway, 'Making of Us' Project Coordinators at makingofus@theturnpike.org.uk

- A CV with details of two referees
- A short video introduction to you and your work, with an emphasis on your socially engaged practice, pitched towards the young people you will be working with (5 mins max). Please submit your video as a link in your email application.
- A proposal outlining how you would deliver the commission, using the following questions as prompts: (maximum 2 sides A4)
 - Why is this opportunity important to you now?
 - What particular professional development opportunity would you benefit from?
 - What is your previous experience of delivering socially engaged projects?
 - How would you approach working in collaboration with another artist?
 - How would you consider the potential impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on current and emerging socially engaged practice, and explore how to blend face-to-face engagement with a digital approach to delivering creative commissions?

Deadline for applications: **Friday 23rd October 2020**

Interviews will be held **week commencing 2nd November 2020**

Interviews can be conducted either in person (following strict COVID-19 social distancing guidelines) or virtually via Zoom or Microsoft Teams. Please note that dates are subject to change due to the latest government guidelines on COVID-19.

If you would like an informal discussion about this opportunity, require this document in a different format, or have any queries please contact Emma Fry & Shelley Cater-Shipway at makingofus@theturnpike.org.uk

PARTNER INFORMATION

To find out more about The Turnpike and key project partners, please visit the following the websites:

The Turnpike - <https://www.theturnpike.org.uk/makingofus>

True Colours CIC - <https://www.truecolourscic.co.uk/our-community/>

The Together Trust - <https://www.togethertrust.org.uk/together-we-thrive>

Wigan Targeted Youth Service - <https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Health-Social-Care/Children-and-young-people/Targeted-Services.aspx>

