

My Shout: Craft commission

Farnham Maltings is looking to commission a new piece of craft to sit in a public context which will be designed, created and produced with elders from the Farnham area as part of 'My Shout'.

'My Shout'

This new creation will be one of four pieces of art created by elders for '[My Shout](#)', a [Celebrating Age](#) project (an initiative funded by Arts Council England and the Baring Foundation). My Shout aims to challenge stereotypes of ageing and present a vibrant and surprising alternative for what it means to grow old in England. We want to enable elders from our community to create art that has integrity, resonance and perhaps a touch of mischief.

Craft commission

We will commission a craft maker to work with a newly-formed group of elders to develop, design and create a new piece of craft that will sit in a public context.

The piece will be displayed long-term in Farnham – potential sites include indoor and outdoor locations at Farnham Maltings, soon-to-be-renovated Gostrey Memorial Hall or another location in the town (subject to permission).

We are looking for makers that can demonstrate their ability to work on bold, considered ideas with communities.

The commission

The commission is for £11,600 to cover all the associated costs of developing, designing and making the piece. This will include all materials for the creation and all fees and expenses for the craft maker (along with any additional people whom support them). All workshops and making with the group will take place in Farnham, Surrey.

Farnham Maltings will provide space for workshops and making (subject to availability and depending on the nature of the project). We will also lead on recruiting participants, with the advice and support of the maker. The participants for My Shout will include some people we already know from our existing arts projects as well as those new to us; all participants will be aged 55+ (with at least 20% aged 75+).

We envisage that the maker will work with the group throughout 2018; the commission will need to be completed and installed by early December 2018.

Projected timeline

1. Craft maker to be selected by end of July 2017.
2. Idea to be developed in consultation Farnham Maltings in August 2017, with leaflets/print to recruit participants ready for early September 2017.
3. My Shout launch event (probably 2-4pm, Thu 28 Sept) and recruiting participants until end of November 2017.
4. Introductory gathering for elders group, craft maker and Farnham Maltings in December 2017.
5. Workshops, development, design and making between January and December 2018 (timeline to be decided between craft maker and Farnham Maltings).
6. Unveiling in Autumn/Winter 2018 (date and location to be arranged with craft maker).
7. Project evaluation in December 2018 (or earlier if appropriate).

How to apply:

1. Submit a **two-page proposal** detailing the following:
 - a. Explain your experience, artistic practice and previous concepts that demonstrate your suitability for this project.
 - b. Show how you would set about achieving the goals of My Shout.
 - c. Give a suggested schedule of how you might work on this project.
2. **Closing date 12pm, Thursday 20 July**, please send proposals by email to christine.lee@farnhammaltings.com.
3. Interviews will take place on Friday 27 July, 2017 at Farnham Maltings.