

Call to Artists: Torch Relay Legacy Public Art project Brief for Lead Artist

Aim

To create site specific piece of public art to be located by the venue: GLive, London Road, Guildford

Background

Guildford Borough Council has accumulated a public art contribution to use near Holy Trinity Ward in order to enhance the local area for residents and visitors. Parks & Leisure Services wish to use the funding to provide a Torch Legacy sculpture celebrating the route of the Olympic Torch through Guildford on Friday 20 July 2012.

Brief for artwork and workshops

The designs and proposal should reflect the legacy of the Torch Relay coming to Guildford, the importance of this opportunity to the borough and its residents. To consider other factors including 2012 Olympic Games and the legacy of having Guildford as one of the key routes for the torch relay, and the last town before London

Lead artist to work with Arts Officer, Parks Leisure Services, Guildford Borough Council, to create overall design proposals for the site.

The lead artist will need to take into account considerations such as: collaboration with other artist(s), the long-term impact of artwork/s, and other constraints such as health & safety, maintenance (consider use of materials, i.e. requiring low maintenance) and vandalism risks.

Location of artwork

The public art will be located by the outside amphitheatre of GLive, London Road, Guildford GU1 2AA

Scale:

Maximum diameter of sculpture: 6x6m



Community engagement

The artist can include in the proposal, opportunities to engage with one or more local community groups. This engagement can be simple consultation with local residents, or visitors of GLive through surveys or more engaging with the use of creative workshops.

Local community Groups include conservation volunteers, a school or other locally based community group. The Arts Officer will liaise with GLive to suggested potential groups to work with.

Selection process:

Artists should respond with

- A CV and images of previous work,
- A brief response to the Torch Relay legacy theme.
- Sketch concepts of proposed designs would be welcome to aid in selection.
- The proposal should indicate proposed materials and estimated budget.

Artist's proposals will be presented to the Public Arts Advisory Group for selection. The group includes Council's Arts Officer, Planning Officer, member of Environmental Team projects, local ward councilors and representative from GLive.

If a decision in selecting one artist is not made by the selection panel, then a shortlist of three will be drawn. This shortlist will be asked to offer more comprehensive designs or maquettes, whereupon a fee of £250 will be paid to each shortlisted artist.

Budget

The total project budget secured is £17,000

Health and Safety

Lead artist to complete risk assessment for artwork, workshop(s) and installation.

The lead artist must consider public safety and possibility of vandalism when designing artwork and choosing materials. Artist to give recommendations for repair and cleaning and estimate costs of maintenance.

The lead artist must have public liability insurance of £5 million in place.

If any workshops carried out with young or vulnerable people, the lead artist will be expected to complete a Disclosure and Barring Service check (DBS) through Guildford Borough Council prior to delivery.

Timescale and Deadlines

- CVs and expressions of interest to be submitted by 5pm Wednesday 17 July 2013
- Selection takes place on Friday 19 July 2013
- Lead artist appointed in August 2013
- Community engagement and creation of artwork to take place autumn 2013
- Artwork to be installed by Spring 2014

Deadline for submissions

Wednesday 17 July 2013

Contact and expressions for return:

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