

TOWNER

This pack is designed specifically for Towner Eastbourne. For more detailed information on themes, rates of pay and formats for De La Warr Pavillion and Hastings Contemporary please see their individual Artist Information Packs.

ROLE: Artist (Families) –Freelance

PROGRAMME: Half-term Collaboration

ABOUT THE ROLE

Towner Eastbourne, De La Warr Pavilion (DLWP) and Hastings Contemporary (HC) are collaborating to deliver an artistic programme with six artists in the region over the next academic year.

Selected artists will be paired and work together to plan and deliver creative workshops at one arts organisation over four school holidays: October 2026, February, April and May 2027. Workshops will respond to themes such as ecological and heritage themes around Sussex, inclusive practice and the intergenerational creative play and non-outcome focused making.

Artists will be supported as a cohort with support from Learning staff at all organisations.

This programme is designed to support artists from varying practices and experience to collaborate in an experimental and supported environment.

You can find out more about our past programmes and artists here:

[How Sussex Speaks – Towner Eastbourne](#)

[Making Space for Joy – Towner Eastbourne](#)

[Fragile Lands – Towner Eastbourne](#)

OUR APPROACH

Artists are required to attend three meet-ups across the year. These will take place alternately at De La Warr Pavillion, Hasting Contemporary and Towner Eastbourne with staff to share ideas and learnings from the programme.

Towner, DLWP and HC request that a minimum of four studio planning and preparation days (one per holiday) across the year take place at each gallery for all four artists to share ideas and explore materials cross-site.

Towner hosts free, drop-in Family Day takeovers each Friday across the holidays (excluding December and Summer holidays). The sessions take place across the whole building 12.00 – 4.00pm with a Quiet Hour 11.00am – 12.00pm.

RATES OF PAY*

- Half-day planning meetings with all artists (in-person where possible) – £75 per session (3 days total)
- Full day planning, preparation and research - £150 per session (10 days total)
- Full day delivery – £300 per session (5 days total)

*Please note each organisation's rates may vary, please read each information pack for details

ACCESS BUDGET

Towner Eastbourne has a budget to cover access support for artists and audiences we work with. Artists invited to take part in the programme will be able to indicate whether they have access needs, and discuss their support longer-term.

ABOUT YOU

- Work in response to the needs and interests of the people you work with
- Have experience of leading or supporting creative workshops for family audiences from diverse backgrounds
- Have the ability to work collaboratively with another practitioner and to create a friendly and safe environment for adults and children
- Have a knowledge of the social and financial conditions surrounding access to the arts

- Are skilled at supporting family groups to develop their creative confidence, bringing in new materials, references, techniques and ideas into the gallery environment
- Are able to plan activities in response to organisational themes
- Use re-usable, biodegradable and/or natural materials wherever possible
- Have a knowledge of safeguarding best practice
- Have a DBS Certificate or are willing to obtain one

Towner, DLWP and HC are committed to supporting early career artists and practitioners from a broad range of art forms to develop their socially engaged practice. We encourage applications from artists who do not meet all the above criteria, if you're curious and excited about this opportunity please apply.

Towner is committed to promoting a diverse and inclusive workplace, we strive to ensure that opportunities to work at Towner are open to all. We particularly encourage applications from backgrounds currently underrepresented in galleries and museums including Disabled people, global majority people and working-class people.

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HOW TO APPLY

Fill in this online form or submit an audio/film application answering the questions in the application (no more than 5 minutes). Please contact Mollie if you have any issues accessing the form.

[DLWP, HC and Towner - Families Programme - Application Form \(Artist - Families\) - Fill in form](#)

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Monday 27 July, 9am

We'll be in touch with selected artists week commencing Monday 3 August.