TOWNER

ROLE: Artist (Primary) –Freelance

PROGRAMME: Making **&** Mesologies

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Towner Eastbourne, supported by the Alexandra Reinhardt Memorial Awards (ARMA), will collaborate with Shinewater Primary School in Eastbourne to develop and artist-led, co-created programme responding to themes including; sustainable practice, ecologies of Sussex, and connection to the landscape.

The programme will take place across the Spring and Summer terms (February – June 2027) with Year 4 students and their teachers. The lead artist and participating students will feed into the development of the school's programme at our new site Towner Seven Sisters, opening 2030.

ABOUT THE ROLE

Towner Eastbourne seeks a Sussex-based, early career Artist to lead ten sessions with Shinewater Primary from February to June 2027 (dates TBC with the school). Sessions will initially take place at the school, with the option to deliver two sessions offsite.

Supported throughout by Towner's programming team, the Artist will have freedom to experiment and test ideas in response to and in collaboration with participants. The artist will also receive regular check-ins with the ARMA team and artists from partner organisations; Peak Cymru, Kettle's Yard and the MAC.

Participatory experience is not required; we value a people-centred practice, adaptability and awareness of access and barriers to art. The Artist will be interested in one or more themes outlined above.

ABOUT YOU

- Are an early career artist (ie. a creative in the first ten years of your practice)
- Are interested in developing your socially engaged practice
- Based in or have experience of Eastbourne and East Sussex
- Are interested in working in response to the interests of the people you work with
- Have a collaborative, friendly approach with a passion for co-creation
- Have an understanding of the diverse socio-economic demographics of Eastbourne
- Have a knowledge of the social and financial conditions surrounding access to the arts, particularly in schools
- Are able to plan activities in response to themes
- Use or have an interest in utilising re-usable, biodegradable and/or natural materials

- Have a knowledge of safeguarding best practice, or be willing to learn
- Have a DBS Certificate or are willing to obtain one

Towner supports early career artists across art forms to develop their socially engaged practice. You don't need to meet every criterion above: if you're curious and excited about this opportunity, please apply.

Towner is committed to a diverse, inclusive workplace with opportunities open to all. We particularly encourage applications from people underrepresented in galleries, including Disabled people, global majority people and working-class people.

RATES OF PAY

- Full-day Planning, preparation and research - £150 per session (10 days total)
- Half-day Delivery, up to four hours – £150 per session (10 days total)
- Development of outcome - £150 per session (5 days total)
- Full-day Delivery of closing event at Towner – Full-Day - £300

Total: £4,050

ACCESS BUDGET

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

CONTACT

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HOW TO APPLY

Complete the online form or submit an audio/film application answering the same questions (maximum 5 minutes). Contact Mollie if you have issues accessing the form.

Artist (Primaries) Application - Making & Mesolgies

Shortlisted artists will interview with the Towner team and a Shinewater Primary School representative.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Monday 7 December, 9.00am

We'll be in touch with shortlisted artists week commencing Monday 7 December. Interview dates are likely to take place in December with a representative of the school.

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