

Supporting Young Minds **Artist Call-Out for place-based commission** **working with young people in Ryde**

WHAT:

This is an exciting call-out for creatives based in the Isle of Wight and Solent region to create a **place-based artwork in Ryde** Isle of Wight. It is likely that the project will focus on the neglected/forgotten spaces of the town.

The project will be **co-produced** with young people from the area, aged between 11 and 18 years (target age 12-14).

The overall aim of this youth-led project is to support young people's mental wellbeing by increasing physical activity and engagement with the Isle of Wight UNESCO Biosphere Reserve status through creativity. The challenge is to make Ryde a better place for young people to live.

We envisage the work would be completed during March and April 2023. Creatives working in any medium/multiple media are invited to put forward a proposal, singly or jointly, for how they would work with the young people to create a place-changing artwork.

This is what some of the young people have said may be of interest to them:

- Murals
- Clay art and sculptures
- Benches with plant holders/pots
- Spray paint art like Banksy/cool graffiti/ professional graffiti
- Skate park/skate park with greenery for wildlife
- Interactive art on walls and pavements
- More colour!
- Murals highlighting climate change
- Plants on walls
- Creative and more efficient bins

FEE:

There is an artist(s)/creative(s) fee of up to £4,000 for delivering the final commission, including a minimum of 25 hours working with the young people. The fee includes **all** expenses and materials.

AVAILABILITY & EXPERIENCE:

The artist(s)/creative(s) would need to be available on **Mondays between 6pm and 8pm from Monday 6th March until Monday 24th April inclusive, plus two days during the school Easter holidays** to work with the young people. They need experience of working with young people and Arts Award bronze level training would be an advantage, but is not essential. The artist(s) must have their own insurance and supply at least one reference contact. The artist(s)/creative(s) would be expected to engage with the project's evaluation process.

HOW TO APPLY:

Please forward your CV, maximum two pages, with relevant images / links to similar previous work, including a statement about why you would like to be considered and your proposal for the project to the following email: peta@independentarts.org.uk

Deadline for applications: Monday 20th February 2023, 12pm noon

This commission is part of the Supporting Young Minds programme, which has youth voice at its heart. We will shortlist candidates and successful candidates will be invited to pitch their idea at a 'Dragon's Den'-style event on **Monday 26th February** (time tbc)

'Supporting Young Minds' is being managed by Isle of Wight arts for wellbeing charity Independent Arts, on behalf of The Island Collection and the Isle of Wight CEP, in collaboration with Artswork (Southampton). It is part of a larger region-wide programme supporting young people's mental health through creativity.