

Call for Artists/Facilitators

#NottinghamTogether: Let's Talk Creative Conversations

The Community Cohesion service at Nottingham City Council, in partnership with New Art Exchange and Challenge Nottingham, is looking for Nottingham based visual artists, storytellers and facilitators who want to explore the theme of 'More in common'/Nottingham Together within creative online workshops. This is part of a programme of 6 conversations that will take place before the end of March 2021 to encourage conversation and connection between adults (age 18+).

Background

These sessions are part of a joint project between Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire Police to tackle hate crime and prejudice in the city. It is funded by the European Union's Rights Equality and Citizenship Programme (2014 – 2020). The 'Community Conversations' strand of the project aims to build understanding between people through conversation and to equip people with the skills, confidence and tools to tackle prejudice.

For more info: www.nottinghamtogether.com

Aims of the sessions

- To bring people together and provoke conversation on issues of identity and difference
- To tackle stereotypes and biases
- To build understanding between different groups of people
- To encourage participation in a creative/making activity while talking and sharing experiences

An experienced co-facilitator will help develop a safe space and support this element of the discussion during the online workshops.

Some questions to think about could be:

- How are we different and what brings us together?
- What do we like about living in Nottingham?
- Stories and experiences of living here or coming here.
- How can we get along better with people different to us?
- What would you like to tell people about yourself/your life?
- Stereotypes you've heard about yourself or other people and how to respond.

Project Brief

We aim to recruit 3 artists to run 2 creative sessions each (we hope to have 10-15 participants per session).

Each artist will:

- Deliver two 1.5 hr online workshops by 26th March 2021 (access to a paid Zoom account can be provided), using basic materials that can be found around the home.
- Work with the Community Cohesion team to provide a written guide (no more than 1 side of A4) to the activity that can be shared as a part of a 'toolkit' for educators/parents and other group leaders to use in the future.
- One 5 minute video explaining and demonstrating the creative activity (we can provide filming and editing support) – to be uploaded onto our website www.nottinghamtogether.com

Payment

Artist fees: 3.5 days paid at £220 a day = £770

There is a small materials budget available if needed.

How to apply

Please email zaimal.azad@nottinghamcity.gov.uk with a covering letter and short expression of interest outlining your proposal by **Wednesday 24th February 2021**. This must include your proposed activity, how you would explore the central theme of More in Common and your relevant experience running online participatory sessions. Feel free to include any website and social media links to your work .

We would be particularly interested in working with ethnically and culturally diverse artists, in alignment with New Art Exchanges' values as an arts organisation that advocates for diversity.

Applications in alternative formats, such as short video submissions are welcome.

For any enquiries or to talk through your ideas before applying, please contact Zaimal Azad, 07526 173833.



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