

Artists Job Pack

Building Stronger Communities Together is a project that came from the desire to engage with different communities across North Manchester and explore and discuss commonalities and similarities between different groups. The aim of this project is to bring different organizations who support the community together and through creative sessions find a common ground and a sense of belonging.

We are seeking artists who are passionate about community and bringing people together. We are open to all forms of arts and craft artists. This could be painting, dance, collaging, zine making, murals and more.

This role involves facilitating between 8 to 10 sessions with community members based in the North of Manchester. The aim is for the sessions to cultivate positive engagement where the participants find similarities and commonalities within each other. The participants will create their own pieces with your support and facilitation where they will later be exhibited in June and September.

There will be a 'pop up' exhibition at the Whitworth Art Gallery with some workshops exploring the themes of the project along with a screening of the first part of the project film. We will have the final Homecoming Showcase in September where all the participants that took part of the art session will exhibit their work along with the second film screening and some archives.

Key Attributes

Artistic Proficiency

- Strong foundation in arts and crafts, with the ability to teach and guide others through various techniques and mediums.
- Ability to conceptualize and develop art projects that are engaging, inclusive, and suitable for the diverse needs of community members.
- Flexibility to work with different styles and materials depending on the group's needs and project goals.
- Ability to create a piece with participants that is easy to travel with or that can be dismantled and rebuilt at different locations.

Facilitation and Instruction

- Clear and inspiring communication, able to explain artistic concepts to a broad audience, from beginners to more advanced creators.
- Ability to break down artistic processes into manageable steps and guide participants through the creation process effectively.
- Comfort with guiding people of all skill levels, providing constructive feedback, and nurturing a positive, encouraging environment for learning.

Community Engagement

- Ability to connect with diverse community members, understanding their personal and cultural perspectives, and using art to build shared experiences.
- Understanding and respecting cultural differences, and tailoring the creative process to ensure all participants feel welcomed and valued.
- Ability to create a supportive environment where everyone feels safe to express themselves.
- Encouraging individuals to not only explore their creativity but also to connect with others and share experiences, fostering a sense of belonging.

If you are excited to be part of this exciting and powerful project and want to support community members, we would love to hear from you!

Fees

There will be between 4 to 5 workshops in May and 4 to 5 workshops in June, a total of either 8 or 10 workshops. The pay will be £150 per day (2 hour delivery plus planning).

Key Dates

Application deadline

- Wednesday 30th April 5pm

Workshop dates

- May sessions dates to be confirmed
- June sessions dates to be confirmed
- Exhibition at Whitworth in June date to be confirmed
- Homecoming showcase in North Manchester in September date to be confirmed

Please let us know any dates you cant do in May and June in the email with your application.

How to Apply

If you would like to apply, please send your CV along with links to your work and a short cover letter no more than 400 words to fowsia.afrocats@gmail.org.uk the cover letter should include what makes you interested in this project.

Please use the following subject line below when you apply: **BSCT Artists Application (Name)**

If you have any questions about the role, please email fowsia.afrocats@gmail.org.uk