

DIAMOND JUBILEE, OLYMPICS AND PARALYMPIC PUBLIC ART PROJECT

Commission brief

West Kent Arts Partnership

Context:

The four district councils and their partners in West Kent have an exciting programme of events planned to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee, Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2012. As part of that programme West Kent Arts Partnership would like to commission a piece of public art that could travel to events across the four districts. The complete budget for the project is £5000 to include planning/design, fabrication/delivery, fees and expenses. This could be a number of art-forms including, but not limited to; street theatre, physical artwork, creative workshops, flash mobs etc. The aims for the art-form are:

- To launch on the Diamond Jubilee weekend and tour until the end of the Paralympic games
- To tour to outdoor spaces
- To enliven / add to existing outdoor events

The project must complement and support the aims and objectives of the West Kent Arts Partnership (see appendix A).

The commission

We are looking for a talented, creative individual or group who can work with a wide group of stakeholders to realise this brief. You will be responsible for presenting a high quality finished product which can be viewed by thousands of residents across the four districts.

You should have:

- Experience of leading public art projects
- Experience of community engagement and the ability to gain the participation of and interact with people from a wide range of ages and backgrounds
- Be proficient in all aspects of the creative process
- Bring a creative vision to the project and produce an artwork/series of artworks which are enjoyable to view and/or participate in
- Experience of working with the press and developing marketing opportunities
- Experience of working within health and safety legislation and carrying out Risk Assessment
- Have Public Liability insurance to a minimum of £5 million
- You should be prepared to undertake a CRB check

West Kent Arts Partnership will provide:

- A project manager who will act as your link to the partnership and other local organisations
- Access to council venues at cost or without charge where possible
- Access to council design and print services
- Promotion by council communication teams

To apply for this opportunity:

Please send an outline submission including a CV detailing your artistic and community engagement experience, three relevant images and 250 words on your creative idea/concept to Jim Boot at the address below by 5pm on Monday 9th January.

Fee:

Three short-listed individuals/groups will then be awarded a £200 fee to work up their ideas and a fully costed budget. One individual has already been awarded £200 following the Creative Directions 'Understanding the Commissioning process' seminar held on 9th November. This means there are two further awards of £200 available.

The final submissions will be considered by a panel representing the West Kent Arts Partnership in February and the successful artist/s will be awarded the full fee of £5000 to pay for:

- The artist's time in planning, designing and implementing the art work including liaison with the project manager and West Kent Arts Partnership
- Taking part in the press and marketing opportunities relating to the commission
- Materials
- Equipment
- Transport
- Venue hire (if applicable)
- Participation at a minimum of four events (one in each district)
- Documenting through photography the process for marketing purposes, to promote a dialogue with the community, and to ensure lasting legacy.

Copyright:

Copyright remains with the artist. West Kent Arts Partnership will have unlimited rights to show the artwork and any related photographs or film.

Timeline:

Deadline for initial submission	5pm on 9 th January
Deadline for final submissions	5pm on 13 th February
Interview of shortlisted applicants	w/c 27 th February
Project preparation	March to May 2012
Project commences	Diamond Jubilee Weekend of 2,3,4,5 June 2012
Olympic Games	27 th July to 12 th August
Paralympic Games	29 th August to 9 th September

For further information, please contact:

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