**Artists Brief**

Creativity Works are looking for an experienced creative practitioner(s) to work with Youth Connect to facilitate a creative programme of activity that is co-created with young people to explore environmental and nature themes through a range of creative skills and expression.

The Creative Nature project will focus activity with 2 youth groups, one that meets in Paulton and the other in Timsbury, Bath and North East Somerset. Each group will be offered one creative taster session which will decide the artist the group(s) will work with and then a further 3 outdoor and / or indoor creative sessions per group. The sessions will be run in collaboration with the Youth Connect outreach youth bus. In total 8 sessions will help young people explore and connect with their local environment and themes.

The project will run between **August – October 2022** (dates tbc)

Session activities will take place on the following days:

* Paulton youth group - Fridays 6pm – 9pm in August and 7pm – 9pm from September 2022
* Timsbury youth group - Tuesdays 6 – 9pm in August and 7pm – 9pm from September 2022

This project may involve 1 or 2 artists depending on who the youth groups select.

We are looking for an artist facilitator who is available on the relevant youth group evenings and is experienced in:

* working with young people in group settings aged 13 – 18 yrs
* co-creating creative workshops with young people in response to their needs and ideas
* responding to environmental and nature-based themes within their socially engaged arts practice
* facilitating quality workshops with a range of creative approaches
* collating group feedback
* working in partnership with staff teams

**Context for the project**

The **Creative Nature Youth Project** is funded by Natural England and managed by Creativity Works. The project partnership includes the Youth Connect team and community mobile bus and Creativity Works working with a socially engaged artist.

**The project aims to enable**

* Connection with nature and environmental themes for young people to engage in creatively.
* Creative activity for young people who want to improve their health and well-being through spending time in nature.
* Cocreation of opportunities with young people so that they gain the most from developing new skills and knowledge and having connection with environmental themes that meet their needs.
* Young people benefit from being with others in green spaces and connecting to nature.
* A range of creative nature-based activities which may include different arts media, games, walking, foraging, cook and eat sessions, contemplation and connection with nature, gardening, wildlife, creating a project newsletter, to name a few.

**Approach**

* To create high quality creative session(s) and outcomes through creativity, conversation and relationships.
* Use creative approaches to enable young people to create a meaningful relationship with their local environment.
* Work in a flexible and emergent way allowing the outcomes to be determined through conversation and dialogue with all the young people.
* Start the process from where people are at, current experiences, activities ideas and feelings, involving people in decision making.
* To ensure that ongoing evaluation with participants and is an integral part of the project and that their ideas are feedback and reflected in the content of the sessions.
* Work in partnership with the Youth Connect staff team to organise and deliver creative nature based activity to gain the best wellbeing and learning outcomes for all.
* To always work in the best interests of Creativity Works and maintain Creativity Works ethos.

**Expected Outcomes**

**Young people will:**

* creatively explore environmental themes and nature connection
* feel connected to their local environment
* have opportunities to cocreate, contribute towards project design and delivery.
* learn new creative skills

**Project Roles and Responsibilities**

The project sessions will be led by the Youth Connect team and a socially engaged artist who is contracted by Creativity Works.

* **The Artist Facilitator(s)** will
  + Develop the structure and content for the creative workshops that allow engagement by a wide range of young people throughout a session.
  + Develop any related marketing and project information, contribute to methods of evaluation and capture the process of young people’s experience throughout the project for a final report.
  + Liaise with the young people at the sessions and the Youth Connect project team between sessions where required for workshop preparations.
* **Creativity Works** will recruit, contract and support the socially engaged artist facilitator(s), oversee project management and evaluation for the final report.
* **Youth Connect** will provide youth worker support to the project and for the young people, recruitment of and organisation with young people in the Timsbury and Paulton groups, design evaluation with the project team and collate feedback from young people, contribute to documentation reports and project management.

**Everyone will:**

* share learning about the Creative Nature Youth Project to create the best outcomes for participants
* Identify further pathways for learning and engagement for the young people

**Artists Facilitator(s) Fee**

The artist fee is £200 per day for 8 days work. This is to cover time for research and development, planning and workshop delivery, any travel, liaison with Youth Connect and Creativity Works, evaluation during and at the end of the project as agreed.

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| **Artist Facilitator Fee** | unit cost | sessions | total |
| **Paulton youth group:** |  |  |  |
| Facilitation of taster session | 250 | 1 | 250 |
| Taster session materials | 25 | 1 | 25 |
| Artist facilitation of project | 250 | 3 | 750 |
| Project materials and equipment | 25 | 3 | 75 |
| **Timsbury Youth group:** |  |  |  |
| Facilitation of taster session | 250 | 1 | 250 |
| Taster session materials | 25 | 1 | 25 |
| Artist facilitation of project | 250 | 3 | 750 |
| Project materials and equipment | 25 | 3 | 75 |
| **Total Available Project Costs** |  |  | **2200** |

**Project Timeline**

July – artist facilitator(s) recruitment

12 noon 8th August – deadline for artist applications

Week of 8th August – Young people select artist(s) to host a taster session

Week of 29th August – Taster session by the selected artist(s) at each youth group

Week of 5th or 12th September – commence 3 week project with each youth group

Week 3rd – 10th October – artist submits any project feedback reports and imagery

**How to apply**

If you want an informal chat about the commission, please contact Philippa Forsey on [Philippa@creativityworks.org.uk](mailto:Philippa@creativityworks.org.uk)

Please send a proposal to Creativity Works by 12 noon on Monday 8th August.

The proposal should be no longer than 2 sides of A4 and include the following:

* Images/web links to previous work
* What interests you about this proposal and a suggested approach/methodology to completing the commission
* How your previous skills and experience match the requirements of the brief
* Any current commitments which may affect the proposed timescale

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