

# Art Installation Commission

## The Brief

artsdepot will celebrate its 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday in October 2025 and has embarked upon an ambitious heritage project, supported by the National Heritage Lottery Fund. As part of this project, we are offering a £3,000 visual art commission for the creation of a colourful freestanding installation or sculpture to celebrate artsdepot's birthday, heritage and work in Barnet during an eventful 20 years! The new commission will be unveiled as part of our 20<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration, alongside a heritage exhibition.

The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary project focuses on artsdepot's conception and building during a time of transition and how people have contributed to making the organisation what it is. Archive materials will be available for the artist to consult and they will work with volunteers and artsdepot staff to develop the piece.

Keeping in mind artsdepot's commitment to sustainability, we are looking for a piece that uses repurposed materials that captures the spirit of the venue as a creative home for everyone. The piece will be displayed in our foyer and be the first thing that visitors see on arrival, so will be a main focus of the exhibition.

We are seeking an established, professional, visual artist, with experience working in a community context.

The piece will be in place for 8 months so should be safe and durable for the length of the display. At the end of the exhibition the piece will join artsdepot's archive.

The piece will be displayed in an area measuring:

Width 6.5m (usable space may vary)

Height 5.0m – 6.5m

Depth 3.16m

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## **Your response**

Please send your CV, examples of previous work and a short proposal (one side of A4) outlining your creative response to the brief, and how you would involve volunteers to [recruitment@artsdepot.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@artsdepot.co.uk) no later than **5pm on Thursday 17 July 2025**

Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed on **Tuesday 21 July 2025**. Interviews will include an opportunity to do a detailed presentation of their proposed response to the brief.

Delivery of the project will take place in July – August with installation the first week of September 2025.

## **Responsibilities**

- Collaborate with artsdepot, the Heritage Consultant and volunteers, (to plan and create an inspirational installation for the venue.
- Review selected research and donated/lent materials and build connections and knowledge about the communities and history of North Finchley.
- Create a new artwork in dialogue with artsdepot's CEO / Creative Director that will be presented within our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary exhibition.

- Feed into project evaluation and attend the launch of artsdepot's heritage exhibition on Thursday 11 September 2025.
- Ensure all work is carried out within required Health and Safety legislation

## **Person Specification**

### **Essential**

- Demonstrable and proven track record of successfully completing visual art commissions based on a range of source material
- At least 3 years' experience working as a professional visual artist
- Ability to prioritise and work under pressure with good time management and organisational expertise
- Energetic, creative team player with a high level of enthusiasm
- Willingness to work flexibly and in particular be available for client contact which will require some evening and weekend work.

### **Desirable**

- Experience of working with multiple partners and ability to work diplomatically with a wide range of people
- Connection to or understanding of Barnet's communities

## **Fee & Budget**

This is a freelance contract which includes a fee of £3000 inclusive of materials and at least 7 days work. You will have access to artsdepot's art space in which to create the work if required.

## **Any questions?**

We are committed to ensuring that this opportunity is open and accessible to everyone. If you experience or anticipate any barriers within the application process, or require any help to make an application, please contact us.

## **About artsdepot:**

artsdepot is a leading multi-art form venue and cultural hub in North Finchley, London. Our venue incorporates two theatres, gallery, café, studios, an art room and public spaces. We also house a vibrant Creation Space providing space to artists to create new work.

We are passionate about programming high quality, dynamic and engaging work with artistic excellence across all art forms. As well as presenting work, encouraging artistic innovation and supporting artist development, we also engage with people of all ages through our extensive participation programme.

In a typical week we provide 30 different creative learning courses and classes across all age groups, plus targeted projects which have benefitted groups including young refugees, young people in temporary accommodation, and collaborative projects with The Pavilion Pupil Referral Unit.

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