

Expression of interest to lead Youth Arts Leadership Project

March 2022

Background and context

Culture Box Surrey is seeking expressions of interest from Surrey based cultural venues, and other suitable cultural organisations already working with young people, in delivering a Youth Arts Leadership Project.

[Culture Box Surrey](#) is the [local cultural education partnership](#) for Surrey. [Surrey Arts](#) is the lead partner for Culture Box Surrey. Key stakeholders for Culture Box Surrey are:

- Children and young people, and their parents and carers
- Schools, colleges, alternative provision and other educational settings
- Professional arts organisations and artists based in Surrey
- Surrey County Council
- [Artswork](#) and Arts Council England (ACE)

Culture Box Surrey has successfully secured Better Lives Through Culture (BLTC) funding from Artswork. Using this we are delivering a programme of cultural learning delivered in schools and other settings in partnership with professional arts organisations based in Surrey.

Our BLTC programme is focused on children and young people who face barriers to participation in cultural learning. This includes, for example, those with an additional educational need or a disability, who are at risk of involvement in the criminal justice system, who are experiencing mental health issues, from socio-economic disadvantage and those from the global majority.

A Youth Arts Leadership Programme

We envisage a leadership programme that will inspire young people who have an interest in arts and culture to step forward and develop their skills. The programme will help them develop both arts and cultural practice, and young leadership skills. This could happen, for example, through participation in performing or visual arts practice, and /or through discussion and advocacy activities. We hope the provider will bring their previous experience of working with young people to design an exciting, engaging and innovative project.

We anticipate that the provider will use existing partnerships with schools and/or other relevant settings as a basis for recruitment or will develop new partnerships.

We want participating young people to disseminate their work and their views to the wider Culture Box Surrey networks so they may inform discussion and local policy regarding cultural learning. (continued)

We expect participating young people to explore and learn about available progression routes into careers in the creative and cultural industries so as to widen participation in further education and training.

We regard this as a pilot project and will use the learning from the project to scope a sustainable model offering a progression route for young arts leaders

Aims and priorities

The project will:

- Be co-designed by the participating young people
- Engage with a diverse group of young people
- Offer face-to-face sessions, but also other ways to engage, including online, to facilitate participation by young people facing barriers, including geographic distance
- Where appropriate use external partners, for example by inviting inspirational role models or trainers with specific expertise in arts practice and/or young leadership
- Deliver Arts Award accreditation at an appropriate level to all participants

Outcomes

1. Establish a group of Surrey youth arts leaders
2. Deliver participatory sessions for the young people offering both arts based activity and leadership training
3. Curate and publish arts and/or documentary based responses from the young people that enable their voices to be heard and that can help shape policy (could be performing, visual or digital arts and/or video interview/documentary)
4. All participants to achieve Arts Award accreditation at an appropriate level
5. Options/recommendations for making the project sustainable post July 2023 (These can be developed in conjunction with our evaluator)

Proposed activities and timeline

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| April 2022 | Selection of preferred provider organisation and issue of contract |
| May - August 2022 | Research and pilot phase |
| August 2022 – July 2023 | Delivery of programme |
| May –July 2023 | Complete evaluation and ongoing recommendations |

Investment

£15000

Expression of interest

Interested organisations are cordially invited to submit an expression of interest to:

sue.barnard@surreycc.gov.uk

Please limit your EOI to 1200 words.

Deadline for submission: **9.00am, Monday 25th April 2022**

Your EOI should include:

- A brief summary of your organisation, and the key individuals who will be involved
- How you would achieve the outcomes – a description of your proposed project
- KPIs (anticipated participant numbers / session numbers etc.)
- How recruitment would take place, and how you would reduce barriers to participation
- How co-design would be incorporated in the project
- Any external partners or organisations you may involve
- How your previous experience of delivering Arts Award can impact on this programme
- How you will ensure young people are safe from harm throughout their engagement with the programme
- A budget including any match funding: cash or in-kind
- A timeline

If you would like to speak to someone about your EOI please email: sue.barnard@surreycc.gov.uk

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