

Artist Residency with First Light Festival invitation for proposals

Suffolk Artlink seeks proposals from artist collaborations to work in residence at the Kirkley Centre in Lowestoft and creatively engage local communities in the upcoming First Light Festival.

For the three months leading up to the festival the selected artists will be in residence at the centre, developing relationships with local groups to engage them in work and ideas towards producing a piece of work / an event at the festival.

The final output / outputs will be part of First Light Festival 2020, which will take place over 24 hours on the weekend of 20/21 June on Lowestoft's South Beach. This project will target a specific opportunity within First Light's programme e.g. the opening parade, the performance programme, or the feast (which takes place at sunrise on the beach).

The project aims to extend the festival into the Kirkley community; involve more local people in the First Light Festival; co-produce a community arts event that celebrates the local area; and test a model for future involvement of the South Lowestoft community in First Light.

Artists working as a collaborative with expertise in participatory arts and a socially engaged practice are invited to submit a proposal for how they would work with Kirkley's communities. A minimum two artists are expected to collaborate, with potential to work with more artists as the residency progresses. This project will require artists to embed themselves in the community, and therefore have an expectation of working in Kirkley a minimum of 2 days a week.

Artists will be paid £220 per day, with additional fees for travel, materials and equipment. The exact number of days will be agreed with partners ahead of contract.

Shortlisted artists will be assessed by a panel including representatives of all three partner organisations (including local residents).

Suffolk Artlink is committed to safeguarding and as such this post is subject to a DBS check.

Suffolk Artlink is an equal opportunities and Disability Confident employer. If you require any information in an alternative format, please contact us.

This partnership project is led by Suffolk Artlink, with Community Action Suffolk's Kirkley Centre and First Light Festival CIC:

- Suffolk Artlink is a participatory arts organisation, we develop and deliver inclusive arts programmes that help people transform their lives through the arts.
- The Kirkley Centre is a well-used training and community venue run by Community Action Suffolk situated in South Lowestoft with facilities and resources including Community Enablers (who give grass roots community capacity support) and a community kitchen.
<http://www.communityactionsuffolk.org.uk/kirkleycentre>
- First Light Festival CIC (established in 2019) is a large-scale 24 hour free arts event that takes place on Lowestoft beach over mid summer's weekend.
<https://firstlightlowestoft.com/>

Artists may apply as a collaborative or as individuals (you must be willing to be paired / teamed with other practitioners). Proposals should be received by Monday 2 March. They should be no longer than 600 words. In addition, please attach a one page CV for each artist giving details of relevant experience. Please also indicate any commitments you may have that will affect your availability.

For further information about this opportunity or to send proposals please email Hayley Field, Co-Director, Suffolk Artlink: hayley@suffolkartlink.org.uk

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