



ART HERITAGE COMMISSION OPPORTUNITY FOR AN ARTIST LIVING OR WORKING IN ST HELENS

Artist Brief

As part of the St Helens 150 programme, Heart of Glass are seeking applications from artist/s, living or working in the St Helens Borough who work in a socially responsive and collaborative way and who are interested in developing a new commission that explores local heritage with local communities. We would like the commission to be part of the national Heritage Open Days programme that will take place between 6-9 September 2018.

Heritage is an important part of St Helens culture and we are interested to work with artist/s who propose a project that includes historical exploration through contemporary practice. Heart of Glass is working closely with the Deafness Resource Centre and its community, a charity for St Helens and Halton with the aim to provide specialist services for D/deaf people. According to UK statistics, there are around 13.3 million disabled people in the UK and one in six people have some form of hearing loss. We feel it is important to capture the unique heritage of St Helens and its people and to mark the Deafness Resource Centre's 90th year celebrations.

Heart of Glass

Heart of Glass is an agency for collaborative and social arts practice based in St Helens. Made possible by an initial investment from Arts Council England through the Creative People and Places programme and now an Arts Council England NPO (National Port Organisation), the Heart of Glass programme is rooted in collaborative practice and embodies the principle of partnership. Our core values, philosophy and approach are founded on co-production with the community and the active participation of the collaborator, non-artist, audience and viewer in the creation of great art.

St Helens 150

2018 is the 150th anniversary of St Helens becoming a municipal borough and the 70th anniversary of the town twinning with Stuttgart, Germany. Queen Victoria granted the charter bringing the townships of Eccleston, Parr, Sutton and Windle. Throughout the year St Helens will acknowledge its past and look to its future, celebrating all things St Helens with community and culture at the heart of the programme. The 2018 programme has been developed by Heart of Glass with support from St Helens Council, with local artists and cultural partners creating a series of events and interventions.

Art Commission: St Helens disability heritage working with Deafness Resource Centre

The Deafness Resource Centre provides services that aim to empower, support and enhance the quality of life of D/deaf people and was founded in 1928. We would like to see proposals that explore their history spanning 90 years, through contemporary practice, where we are inviting an artist working in any art form to develop a new partnership with the centre and their community with a view to developing an artistic proposal that will form part of Heritage Open Days.

Schedule

25 May	Deadline for artists to send artist proposal and CV
28 - 31 May	Shortlisting, with potential interviews
June	Research and final proposal
July / August	Workshops and production
6-9 September	Commission to featured as part of Heritage Open Days

Budget

£4,000 (inclusive of VAT)

This includes all fees, production, travel and presentation of final outcome during Heritage Open Day.

How to apply

Please send your:

- **CV**
- **A short proposal** (no more than one side of A4) describing:
 - Why you are interested in this commission
 - Why it is relevant to your practice
 - Your methodology – ideas on where you might start and where it might lead to
- **A completed** equality and diversity monitoring form (downloadable from our website)

Deadline for Applications

FRIDAY 25 MAY 2018

When emailing your application, please enter 'Heritage Commission Application: <Your Name>' in the subject header, along with your PDF attachment to: info@heartofglass.org.uk

Unfortunately, we cannot accept late applications.

Please note we are unable to give individual feedback to applicants.

If you have any questions about the Heritage Commissions, please feel free to contact Debbie Chan, Associate Producer on Debbie@heartofglass.org.uk

For further information:

Heart of Glass www.heartofglass.org.uk

Creative People and Places www.cappnetwork.com

Deafness Resource Centre <http://www.deafnessresourcecentre.org>