

Neurodivergent Artists Network - Project Information Sheet

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Neurodivergent people experience many social and practical barriers to careers in the arts, and face prejudice from neurotypical gatekeepers of the industry. These problems are exacerbated by our tendency to work in isolation.

With support from Creative Scotland's Create:Inclusion fund, this project seeks to empower neurodivergent artists to challenge systemic ableism through

- an artists' collective
- a manifesto for neurodiversity in the arts in Scotland, and
- a group exhibition

The manifesto produced by the group will form the basis for future advocacy and the potential extension of the collective into a nationwide network of neurodivergent artists.

About the Organiser

I am a visual artist based in Edinburgh who believes that neurodivergent artists need to organise to advocate for ourselves and the value of our work. I have received funding from Creative Scotland to lead a collective for neurodivergent artists, in order to write a manifesto for neurodiversity in the arts in Scotland, and stage a group exhibition showcasing our work.

About This Opportunity

This opportunity is for 4 artists to join the new artists' collective and jointly draft a manifesto.

Successful applicants will receive a £450 stipend and the opportunity exhibit your work in a funded group show in Edinburgh in Autumn 2021.

This opportunity is for visual artists resident in Scotland who identify as neurodivergent.

About the Application Process

Stage 1:

Artists are invited to apply via email. This involves an application form, up to 5 images of your work, and an artist CV. Applications open on July 8th, and close at 5pm on July 31st.

Up to 10 artists will be selected to go on to Stage 2. Applicants will be notified by July 31st whether or not they have been successful.

Stage 2:

Up to 10 artists will be invited to an informal video interview (approximately 30 minutes). 4 artists will be selected for the final project.

Important Dates:

- Stage 1 - Applications open: Wednesday July 8, 2020
- Applications close: 5pm on Friday July 31, 2020
- Notification of applicants shortlisted for interview: Tuesday August 4, 2020
- Stage 2 - Video interviews: August 5-12, 2020
- Notification of successful applicants: Friday August 14, 2020
- Work on collective and manifesto: August 2020 – Summer 2021
- Manifesto launch and group exhibition: Autumn 2021

Commitments

This is a collaborative project and the commitment of all members of the collective is vital. To that end, there are several requirements that all successful applicants must honour:

- Participating in online video meetings on a monthly basis (approximately 1.5-2 hours per month)
- Honouring any commitments made in online meetings e.g. research, writing, administrative work as agreed with the group (approximately 5 hours a month).
- Working collaboratively to research and write a collective manifesto
- Promoting the work of the collective, including the work of other members, as agreed with the group

Successful applicants will also receive a stipend of £450 towards the creation and/or development of work for the group exhibition, paid in two instalments via bank transfer. These funds must be used towards participation in the exhibition, and if you withdraw from the project you will be asked to return the stipend.

Access

We are committed to making the application process and the collective itself accessible. If you need the application form in another format, or have other access needs to enable you to apply, please email neurodivergentartistsnetwork@gmail.com