



Project Brief

Background

This project has been developed as a Bolton Cultural Education Partnership (BCEP) project and is funded through Bolton Council's Community Champions programme. The project is being led by BCEP partners Bolton at Home and Bolton School.

Using insights and data gathered via Greater Manchester Covid Insight's survey, local intelligence, meetings with Bolton's Cultural Education Partnership, and feedback from youth groups, it has been evident that the pandemic has impacted young people greatly. Most prevalent has been the impact on mental health, education, social isolation and engagement.

To deepen our engagement with this target group a creative engagement scheme of work will be delivered between November 2021 and March 2022.

Using 'space' as a theme, the creative engagement & research project will explore how different concepts of space have had an impact on young people during the pandemic. It will also explore how the pandemic has been a vehicle for 'space' change and what this may mean for decision makers.

Two project teams will direct creative engagement with up to 40 young people – one digital project team and one in-person team, with hybrid activity connecting the two – using online platforms and accessible community/public venues.

The creative output will feed into ongoing recovery plans and informing the wider Bolton Vision 2030 partnership's schemes of work for this community. We also expect that this youth cultural network will continue beyond the timescales of this project.

The Commission

There are two creative commissions available, offered on a freelance basis:

- Digital creative engagement facilitator
- In-person creative engagement facilitator

Both roles will involve:

- Working with lead officers to deliver a creative engagement programme for 12-18 year olds in Bolton focused on space, place and wellbeing
- Supporting inspirational and educational visits to cultural institutions and events
- Facilitating creative conversations

- Inspiring young people to explore new art forms, and produce and share their own creative responses to the programme
- Supporting young people to collaborate, co-design and project manage creative engagement activities for young people aged 12-18
- Empowering young people to be involved in the decision-making process about arts and culture in Bolton
- Supporting the documenting and reporting process

Experience

We are looking for two professional, practising creative practitioners, ideally based within the North West of England, with at least three years' experience of comparable work.

The appointed individual/s will be able to demonstrate:

- excellent communication and creative engagement skills
- the delivery of comparable projects and the aptitude to deliver this type of work
- relevant design and technical skills
- knowledge and understanding of safeguarding policy and procedure

You will need to provide evidence of eligibility to work in the UK, DBS Certificate and public liability insurance cover between the value of £2m and £5m.

Management

Lead officers on the programme are Gaynor Cox (Housing Arts Officer, Bolton at Home) and Naomi Lord (Director of Creative Learning and Partnerships, Bolton School).

Timescale

The 16-weeks programme will be delivered between January 2021 and April 2022:

November/December 2021	Recruitment
January/February 2022	Community-hub and digital welcome sessions Co-creation practice – consensus, representation (personal, home and community cultures) Arts landscape – Bolton and the NW with visits, arts inspiration sessions Arts networking and webinar series Creative product / project development including community focus group work
March 2022	Showcasing and reporting

Fee

The fee for each Creative Engagement Facilitator commission will be £4,000. This will cover all expenses including transport.

Additional funds are available for artists/arts organisation fees, speakers expenses, inspiration visits, room hire and materials

Application Process

To express an interest in this commission please apply in writing; email your expression of interest, CV and any relevant supporting information/links, to:

Gaynor Cox, Housing Arts Officer, Bolton at Home gaynor.cox@boltonathome.org.uk

Deadline for applications: 12.00 noon on Friday 10th December 2021

Interviews: Tuesday 14th December 2021

Links to further information

[Bolton at Home \(Housing Percent for Art\)](#)

[Bolton School](#)

[Bolton Cultural Education Partnership \(BCEP\)](#)

[Bolton Vision 2030](#)

[Bolton Council Community Champions](#)