



Wash Your Words: Community Workshop Open Call

Background

LeftCoast is the Blackpool-based Creative People and Places consortium (CPP). We have a mission to co-create artworks and projects that elevate local people's voices, explore, play, and make a difference - on both a personal and community level. We are socially engaged, socially useful, and artistically ambitious.

Now, almost 10 years old, we are entering **Phase 4** and a new era - shaped by Covid, challenges within the wider economy and our Blackpool context. Our reason for being has never been more critical. Our focus for the period is to ensure new non/low-engaged communities get involved in creative projects and become more visible in community decision-making and more audible in the locality. We strive for real social impact and intend to use our platform and influence as a strategic asset for Blackpool.

We are consistently curious. Over the years, we have honed different ways to seek out genuine community representation and empower communities to shape the provision of the artistic programme.

We want to contract people with similar values to us to be able to achieve our mission, and expect those contracted to work with us to ensure community voice shines through our processes and decision making.

Brief

As we continue to programme in our neighbourhoods, we are looking to commission artists who work within a socially engaged practice: art that is collaborative and often participatory. Conversations with our communities are essential to LeftCoast, as we strive to be not only artistically ambitious but also socially useful.

Our aim is to deliver a programme that gives residents new skills and engages them in creativity, enabling conversations to happen with our team and the artist as we explore food waste, sustainability, and restorative programme.

The sessions will be based in Mereside, at our site Wash Your Words (1a Langdale Road, FY4 4TR) as part of our Workshop Wednesday programme. The structure of the sessions allow residents to drop-in during the 3 hours with no booking or payment required.

How to apply

Please submit a short paragraph outlining a proposal for a 3 hour community workshop, this can also be across two sessions depending on time needed to achieve an outcome (ie: firing of ceramics, developing images through photography or dyes using natural pigments).

The submissions will be taken to our core, community group at Wash Your Words, who will decide which activities/artists they would like to work with.

Budget for each session is £300 to £400 (dependant on experience). This is to cover materials and planning. Payment is made against milestones as per contract.

The artist will be responsible for tax and national insurance contributions, and **must provide their UTR or company registration number** and evidence to demonstrate eligibility to work in the UK.

For more information on what documentation is required please go to <https://www.gov.uk/legal-right-to-work-in-the-uk>

Deadline for applications: 10.07.23 (12pm)

Please email finished applications to catherine.peters@leftcoast.org.uk

