

Artist's Call out **Deadline 4pm Friday 6th October 2017**

Arc is a leading arts and health organisation based in Stockport which explores the relationship between creativity, culture and wellbeing. We work across the spectrum of mental health and wellbeing, supporting individuals and communities on a journey towards greater resilience and independence.

We also commission emerging and established artists to produce artistically ambitious, socially engaged arts projects.

We are offering an artist the opportunity to exhibit in our Gallery for 3 weeks - to have a platform for their work, to connect with us, to offer new perspective or skills and to inspire our audience & participants.

This may particularly appeal to emerging and established artists whose work relates to social impact, who have an interest in mental/physical health or in engaging with isolated or vulnerable audiences.

Artists will need to demonstrate that they have a body of work or practice which connects with our values, which are:

Creativity: We believe that everyone is creative. We constantly seek opportunities for people to express their creativity, to flourish and to be able to transform their lives.

Innovation: We are dynamic and proactive in our work. We embrace positive changes to our practice in order to maximise the creative opportunities available for people to enhance their wellbeing.

Participation: We believe that creativity can benefit everyone. We are committed to an inclusive way of working, to promote the positive benefits of connections between people and shared support networks.

Excellence: Quality matters. We are motivated to design and deliver high quality art and creative experiences, providing skills and inspiration.

This opportunity includes:

- An exhibition in the Arc Gallery, Stockport from 27th January to 16th February 2018 (install to take place during the week of 22nd January)
- Support in marketing & promoting the exhibition via our extensive mailing lists and contacts

- Opportunity to sell work (Arc takes 30% commission)
- Preview event on Saturday 27th January as part of Arc's Saturday Art Club,
- A £200 bursary to support exhibition expenses

As part of this opportunity, we would expect the artist to

- Be responsible for hanging the exhibition (with help from Arc volunteer team) including all interpretation text and labelling
- Attend the launch event/preview on Saturday 27th January 11 – 4 and be available for a 'meet the artist' session or short workshop/presentation as part of the event
- Facilitate 1 x 2 hour workshop/presentation as part of Arc's *arts and wellbeing programmes* (adults with mental ill-health)
- Facilitate 1 workshop/presentation as part of Arc's *public programme* – arts and crafts workshops for those with a creative interest
- blog/post to Arc's social media and artists' own networks about the exhibition, to raise awareness of both the artist and Arc

Timescale:

Submission deadline – Friday 6th Oct 17

Selection by – Friday 20th Oct 17

Install – week of 22nd January 18

Exhibition opens Sat 27th Jan & runs weekdays 10 – 4 (unless by prior arrangement) until 16th February 18

The Arc Gallery & studio is open 10 – 4 weekdays and the last Saturday of every month if you wish to visit prior to applying. Details of our programmes (wellbeing and general public) can be found at www.arc-centre.org

Submission details:

Artists wishing to be considered for this opportunity should email proposals that include the following documents:

- A written proposal (max 1 side A4) to the brief above, including details of proposed exhibition, and how it connects to Arc. Also what workshop would you offer to our vulnerable adults and to our public programme
- Pictures of recent artworks and/or exhibitions
- A detailed CV of the artist
- A proof of public liability insurance

Please send applications to: jacqui@arc-centre.org

Selection Criteria:

2D, 3D and digital work will be considered. Each application will be scored against the following criteria:

- Exhibition concept
- Relevance to our audience
- Experience of artist, in exhibition/display and facilitation of occasional workshops