



## **Call out for creative challenges/activity packs for families with under 5s – Practitioner brief**

Made with Many are working with Home-Start Wellingborough & District and the Northamptonshire County Council Children First 0-19 team to offer creative activities for families with under 5s during the Covid-19 emergency.

We are seeking practitioners who can plan and compile creative activities (including all materials required to take part) that can be done at home through a series of 10 creative challenges (with a final face-to-face workshop in March for the 10<sup>th</sup> challenge if Covid-19 restrictions allow). The challenges will be delivered to families in December, January and February and will also include a Creative Challenge passport that children can use to keep track of their progress.

Feedback from families shows that popular activities could include:

- Sensory activities
- Dance or movement
- Christmas craft or stories (for the December pack)
- Storytelling
- Family scrapbooking
- Exploring outdoors (depending on the weather)
- Messy play (but nothing that would cause too much mess or stress)

The creative challenges should include a mixture of activities. Activities need to be presented in a way that children could take part in some of the activities on their own, whilst other activities may offer the opportunity to connect as a family. Some participants may have a number of children, limited time or may not have engaged in similar activities in the past. The approach to engaging children and their parents should be considered in the proposal for this opportunity.

The 10 creative challenges will be accompanied by a closed and moderated online social media group to support participants that choose to engage digitally with the project. Practitioners will be required to contribute feedback to participants at set times, or offer live demonstrations or video content depending on the activity. This is an additional opportunity to engage with participants but activities should not rely on online content to engage participants.

We are looking for costed proposals for practitioners for at least one pack (3 challenges), or the full programme across different art forms/activity types including an in-person workshop. Alternative plans for face-to-face contact should also be presented. Costings for materials, design and printing of the challenge passport, venue hire (if applicable for the 10<sup>th</sup> challenge) and couriering/delivery of packs to us should be included.

## **About Us**

*Made With Many* is a programme of new arts activities focussing on working with local communities, artists, arts and voluntary organisations, businesses and the public in Corby and Wellingborough to ensure that the arts are at the heart of positive change. [www.madewithmany.org](http://www.madewithmany.org)

*Home-Start Wellingborough & District* offer support, friendship and practical help to parents with young children, living within the Borough of Wellingborough. [www.homestartwellingborough.org.uk](http://www.homestartwellingborough.org.uk)

*Northamptonshire County Council Children First 0-19 Team* offer 6 months of support to families who are referred to them with additional support needs. [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk)

## **Practitioner requirements:**

- Experience of providing activities for families with under 5s or in early years education, and adept at tailoring sessions to needs of the group.
- Ability to design clear and engaging activities that can be done remotely
- Confident in engaging with and supporting families
- Experience of leading sessions and giving creative feedback both in-person or digitally
- Hold a DBS (dated within the past 2 years) and hold valid public liability insurance of at least £5million
- Comply with risk assessment, monitoring and evaluation procedures for the project
- Have appropriate training including safeguarding or be willing to undertake training.

## **Timescale**

- The first pack (including at least 3 of the creative challenges should be completed and ready for delivery for the first week of December).
- A second will be delivered to families in mid to late January and the final pack will be delivered to families in mid to late February.
- If possible, a face-to-face workshop will be offered to families in March.
- Practitioners will need to be available in March/April to evaluate the project.

## **Contractual information**

Fee: £5000, including any expenses and VAT, if applicable

The commission will be made to an organisation or as a freelance contract. The organisation/practitioner will be responsible for all tax liabilities and National Insurance or similar contributions.

## **To Apply**

Please send:

- Your CV, outlining relevant experience
- A brief proposal outlining the approach you would take for one pack (3 creative challenges/activities) or for the entire project.
- Details of 2 referees who can be contacted as part of the recruitment process

Please note: we will not accept CVs on their own.

**Deadline for Applications: Monday 19 October, 10am**

Please email applications to [sarah@madewithmany.org](mailto:sarah@madewithmany.org) quoting 'Under 5 Creative Challenge' in the subject line of your email.

For an informal discussion about the project, contact Helen Willmott, Made With Many Programme Director via [helen@madewithmany.org](mailto:helen@madewithmany.org)

Made With Many is committed to equal opportunities. We are working to achieve diversity and welcome applications from all sections of the community. In support of this, we have an access budget available to disabled artists delivering aspects of our programme. If you require additional support to complete this contract, please outline these in your application. Any such requests will not affect the outcome of our decisions. If you require additional support in making an application, or would like this information in an alternative format, please contact the office on 01536 267895 /[info@madewithmany.org](mailto:info@madewithmany.org)