



BLACK COMMUNITY FORUM: ARTIST COMMISSION CALL OUT

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. To find out more visit www.madewithmany.org. The Black Community Forum is a strand of the Made With Many programme, facilitated by Support Northamptonshire.

The role of the Black Community Forum is to:

- Develop an arts, culture and heritage programme for Black Communities and support its effective delivery and outcomes.
- Scrutinise the Made With Many programme to ensure that it is effectively delivering its Race Equality Objectives and to influence the Race Equality and wider Equality Plans.

The Black Community Forum has recently carried out a collective visioning exercise to determine opportunities for short, medium and long-term goals. These include opportunities to pilot cultural activities in the next year, including key celebrations, the potential for a pop-up exhibition space and a Multicultural Festival in 2024.

COMMISSION DETAILS

We are inviting Black organisations and individual Black creatives to collaborate and commit to contributing to the research, creation and delivery of important projects in Wellingborough, Northamptonshire.

In line with BCF's vision, we have 4 main themes for creatives within Wellingborough's Black* Community to produce original works. These themes are:

Inspirational People and their Impact

This theme considers Wellingborough's lived history, work, and achievements of inspirational individuals. Building on the BCF commissioned Mike Prescod mosaic by Cinnamon Arts Group and the South Asian Heritage Project, this theme will look at Black individuals in Wellingborough who have made a significant contribution in Asian, African-Caribbean and African Communities.



Black Heritage Trails

A series of trails across Wellingham, aiming to share the historically rich Black (African-Caribbean, Asian, African) heritage and stories that Wellingham holds. These trails may be themed based on inspirational individuals, cultures, or buildings.

Successful applications must consider the accessibility and inclusion in their trails. Please include both physical and digital ideas in your proposal. The use of BCF resources, including links to key buildings for Black communities in Wellingham, should also be considered.

Arts, Culture, Heritage for Young People & Families

A key part of this theme is legacy and encouraging intergenerational action and participation throughout Wellingham. The successful applicant will produce family friendly and inclusive activities to help encourage the involvement of younger generation in Black (African-Caribbean, Asian and African) arts and heritage sector.

Art as protest

BCF believes that creativity can bring about change and invites applications that reflect this.

The successful applicant should demonstrate the importance of art as protest, for example responses to the Black Lives Matter movement through creative practices, in addition to understanding the issues and sensitivities around protest art and art as protest. This may include collecting, digitalising and creating an archive of photo and/or video resources or artistic responses from protests and linking this with theme of Black Heritage trails.

COMMISSION FEE

There are 4 commissions available; one to cover each of the above themes. Each commission is £2500.00 inclusive of all expenses. There will only be one commissioned artist/organisation per theme. Artists may apply for more than one theme, but must make it clear in their proposal.

ARTIST/PRACTITIONER REQUIREMENTS

- Experience in working with a wide range of stakeholders
- Experience of co-producing work with the community
- To work with MWM staff, BCF members and community groups to plan and deliver the project

CONTRACTUAL INFORMATION

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

- Hold an enhanced DBS check (dated within the past 2 years) and 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



TO APPLY

- Please send either a short video/voicenote of no more than 3 minutes, or an application of no more than 4 sides of A4 explaining your ideas for the project/event, including which theme/s you are looking to respond to. Please feel free to choose the format that best portrays your proposal
- Your CV, outlining relevant experience
- Details of a referee who can be contacted as part of the recruitment process
- Please note: we will not accept CVs on their own.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

The deadline for applications is **12pm on Monday 30th January 2023**

Please email applications to info@madewithmany.org

For an informal discussion about the project, please contact: Myrle Roach, Community Engagement Coordinator, myrle@madewithmany.org

*We aim for funding to be administered with a balanced approach for all Black communities (Black includes Asian (Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi), African-Caribbean and African communities) in Wellingborough. Proposals are therefore sought from Black-led Wellingborough-based organisations and local Black creative practitioners from the wider county of Northamptonshire or with a connection to Wellingborough.

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 info@madewithmany.org or 01536 267895.