



The Great Outdoors Visual Artist Brief – Art On The Fens

The Great Outdoors is a programme of poetry, storytelling, visual art and performance events in the Babergh and Mid Suffolk countryside-taking place in the summer, of 2010.

PURPOSE

The events will focus on bringing more art to new and unexpected places, including those in the public realm, as a way of engaging new rural audiences.

AIMS

- To bring a diverse range of writing and performance into the landscape to reach new audiences in rural areas.
- Reawaken people's experiences of Babergh and Mid Suffolk landscapes and increase understanding within the physical environment in which the artist's will be performing or responding.
- Encourage a diverse range of artists to engage and develop skills in outdoor arts practice.
- To help build in a greater cultural offer to the Walking Festival and Suffolk Wildlife Trust Sites.
- Increase the number and range of people engaging in the arts across Babergh and Mid Suffolk.

Artist Opportunity

An artist is sought to work on two Suffolk Wildlife Trust sites with visitor's from Mid Suffolk and Babergh to:

- Run 3 x 1 hour workshops with children and their families at each site linked to themes of the event – fairytales and magic.
- To create an installation on site that can be added to by the public and is sympathetic to its surroundings.
- Research each site and make the art relevant to the natural world around
- Liaise with the storyteller prior to the events to find out how the art workshop can be linked to the story.
- Create small artworks for participants to take away

- Liaise with representatives of Mid Suffolk District Council, Babergh District Council and Suffolk Wildlife Trust as appropriate.

We are seeking proposals from artist who can bring something different to what the Suffolk Wildlife Trust educational team can already provide with their art and craft activities. Please see examples on their website www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org.uk or contact Judy Powell, People and Wildlife Manager, Suffolk Wildlife Trust. Tel: 01473 892429 or Judy.Powell@suffolkwildlifetrust.org.

Suffolk Wildlife Trust will provide a self led fairytale trail on site

Dates

Saturday 7th August – Arger Fen
 Sunday 15th August – Redgrave and Lopham Fen
 Wednesday 18th August – Arger Fen
 Thursday 26th August – Redgrave and Lopham Fen

Locations

Redgrave and Lopham Fen (SWT site in Mid Suffolk)
 Arger Fen (SWT site in Babergh)

Timetable

Action		
Two days in each site to deliver events.	Artist (4d)	

Fee

Workshops: 4 days @ £175 per day, inclusive of travel	£ 525
Materials:	£ 200
Total fee	£ 725

Terms

- To work closely with the Arts Officers in each location and attend meetings as appropriate
- The artist will be expected to comply with all H&S requirements and Equal Opportunities Policy
- The artist is required to have a minimum of £2 million public liability insurance
- The artist is required to be CRB checked or have suitable evidence of up to date disclosure information

Anticipated outputs

- 200 people attending events.
- Creation of small artworks for people to take away.

- Temporary artwork/s sited over the summer

Timetable

- Deadline for return of applications and proposals **Friday 5th February**
- The successful applicant will be notified by **Monday 8th February**

To apply

- Curriculum vitae with minimum of two references
- 10 images of artist work (hard copy photos will be returned)
- A Brief Proposal containing outline of:-
 - How you plan to address the theme of the activity
 - Preliminary ideas including materials.
 - Approach to engaging the community in the activity

Please return your proposals by **10.00am on Friday 5th February** to:-

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Emailed applications will be accepted.

Please provide a stamped addressed envelope for the return of work and photographs.