

Press Release

Exchange 62: northern disabled artists exchange



A new opportunity for disabled artists based in or near Hull, Leeds and Manchester to take part in a transpennine exchange programme across 2019-20.

Exchange 62 is an exciting new partnership between Artlink Hull, Pyramid, Leeds and Venture Arts, Manchester that aims to increase opportunities for disabled artists in the North of England. A disabled artist from each of these areas will lead a creative exchange project that will take place across the three cities.

Funded through the Co-Creating Change Network, we envisage that the artists selected will work together to use visual arts practice to make a difference to the lives of disabled people in the North of England.

Beginning in November 2019, the selected artists will be free to interpret, build and lead their own exchange projects, collaborating closely with one another in an exchange of ideas and practice, then bring their combined experience and work together in July 2020.

How the exchange manifests itself in each city will be led by the artists. The only parameter being it must be collaborative work with the goal of longer-term social change. The artists on the exchange will be selected by a panel of disabled artists.

Amanda Sutton, Director of Venture Arts says: 'We are so excited to be a part of this brilliant project which will see disabled artists taking the lead in building a network which will be force for change in the North'. While Creative Director of Artlink Hull, Kenn Taylor, says: 'We're really looking forward to working with our partners on this initiative to create new, vital opportunities for disabled artists in the North of England.'

Exchange 62 Details

The selected artist from each area will receive a fee of £2,100, as well as additional

financial support for accommodation, travel and access support. Further funds are also available to use as a budget for planned activities during each exchange.

September 2019 – Opportunity advertised

October-November 2019 – Opportunity Closes and judges select three artists.

November-December 2019 – Artists brought together for first time

Jan – May 2020 – 4 day exchanges held in Hull, Leeds and Manchester. Exact dates to be agreed

July 2020 – Final sharing event on project

For more details on eligibility, how to apply and the brief and conditions of the programme, please see our full advertisement supplied with this release or check the websites of Artlink Hull, Venture Arts and Pyramid.

The closing date for submission is 25th October at 5pm

Exchange 62 is a partnership project between [Artlink Hull](#), [Pyramid](#) and [Venture Arts](#) and has been commissioned by the [Co-Creating Change Network](#).

Notes to editors

Artlink Hull

Artlink Hull enables the creation and exploration of art with, in, and about communities. In particular, we work with individuals and communities experiencing disadvantage to increase the diversity of voices in the arts. We do this through art commissions, projects, exhibitions, events, learning programmes, and forums, working with a range of communities. Since our establishment in 1982, Artlink Hull has been continually involved in the development of community, participatory and socially-engaged art practices, and remains a key organisation in the Humber region within these fields.

www.artlinkhull.co.uk

Pyramid

Pyramid invests in people with learning disabilities through the discovery, development and disruption of the arts. We are a collective of around 150 artists with and without disabilities who work together to discover and explore the arts, develop our work to its fullest potential and to share it with a wide public, and to disrupt the social and institutional barriers which prevent people with learning disabilities getting involved in the arts.

www.pyramid.org.uk

Venture Arts

is a progressive visual arts organisation supporting learning disabled people to reach their life potential through the visual arts. Based in Hulme, Manchester, it works supporting learning disabled artists to create and show new visual art using a range

of art mediums including illustration, photography, moving image, animation, textile art, ceramics, painting and multimedia. The organisation's vision is to see learning disabled people play a valued and valuable role within arts and culture as artists, critics, audiences, advocates and workers. To this effect it delivers over 1500 visual arts workshops per year working with over 200 people and run work schemes which help learning disabled people to work and volunteer in cultural and educational environments. Venture Arts showcase the work of its artists locally, nationally and internationally.

www.venturearts.org

Co-Creating Change Network

Co-Creating Change is a network and programme which explores the role which artists, cultural organisations and communities can play to co-create change together around the UK and beyond.

<http://www.cocreatingchange.org.uk/>

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