

Acklam Whin Children's Centre Mural

Project Brief

Acklam Whin Children's Centre in Middlesbrough require a mural to be designed and painted in an indoor area, to brighten the room and create a stimulating environment for young children. The centre would like the mural to have a child development theme (physical, communication, problem-solving, understanding of world, language, literacy and numeracy) and wants to involve children and parents in the creation of ideas/ images for the mural through the artist attending and participating in existing Children's Centre activity sessions.

The mural will begin indoors, across one wall, which then turns a corner and comes to French doors leading outside – this faces a brick wall, and the centre would like to have an external piece on the wall which links to the indoor work. On the theme of growth and development, the centre staff have suggested this being a tree.

As outlined in the advert, we are open to mediums other than painting, and would welcome any applications for using other mediums, (including 2D) bearing in mind time-scales and the materials budget. The space is large, and so we do not expect the mural to 'block cover' the wall. Access to the indoor space is available all day Mondays and Fridays, as well as Wednesday afternoons, and of course, the external piece can be created off-site.

The artist will:

- attend pre-project site visit and planning meeting with TVA and Children's Centre key personnel
- attend two engagement sessions to involve children and parents in the creation of ideas/ images for the mural (these would need to be Tuesday mornings)
- be responsible for any health and safety issues in their own art form, and to co-operate with any such issues in the project in general
- consult with TVA throughout as necessary
- develop plans and discuss with TVA/ refine as necessary
- complete risk assessments for activities as appropriate
- co-operate with administrative and financial systems as necessary
- co-operate with actions, and documentation contributing to evaluation of the project
- photograph/ document art work during the project
- paint mural according to an agreed schedule
- undertake all other activities that are discussed and agreed between the artist and partners

Terms and conditions

All artists must supply original Enhanced CRB documentation (dated no older than March 08) and evidence of current public liability insurance cover to TVA before appointment. Artists are responsible for their own taxes and national insurance.

Total fee to artist - £1,500

The fee to the artist is for creating and painting an indoor mural and external piece, and to attend and participate in two community engagement sessions at Acklam Whin Centre to involve children and parents in the creation of ideas/ images for the mural and for a site visit/ project meeting/s and for any 'off site' work as necessary. Fees are inclusive of project travel and any VAT.

Additional to the above fee is a materials budget of £400

Application process

The closing date for applications is **9am Monday 22nd February 2010**. Applications should be in the form of a cover letter outlining (it is important that you address each point):

- approach to and any experience of working within this type of setting
- artistic vision for the project
- if you live outside the Tees Valley, how you would address any travel/ accommodation arrangements; travel/ accommodation expenses cannot be paid in addition to the fee, and, due to access to the space, it is likely the work will be spread out over a number of weeks, rather than in one block of time.

Please also include a brief CV plus a small selection of images (as appropriate), and ensure you have current Enhanced CRB documentation in place (dated no older than March 08) and public liability insurance for the duration of the project.

Applications can be submitted either electronically or posted; if you wish to have items returned please ensure any postage and packing materials are included.

Timescale & important dates (please note)

PLEASE NOTE TIGHT DEADLINE OF MONDAY 22nd FEBRUARY

TVA and relevant partner personnel will make a paper selection on **Monday 22nd February** and interview (as necessary) on **the afternoon of Tuesday 23rd February 2010**. There will be a planning meeting/ site visit scheduled that week, with contact sessions with families due to begin **Tuesday 2nd March 2010**. The mural should be completed by end March 2010.

Please send applications to:

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