



Summer in the Creative Industries Quarter (CIQ) Artists Micro-commission Open-Call

- Project:** Summer in the CIQ (working title)
Contract: Fixed fee, freelance.
Dates: between May - Sept (event dependent)
Employer: Site Gallery Ltd, 1 Brown Street, Sheffield, S1 2BS
(On behalf of the programme partners; Showroom Workstation, Bloc Projects, Yorkshire Artspace)
- Fees:** A fixed fee of £1,500 (incl VAT) to be paid in two stages + a maximum of £1000 production and materials budget.

Background:

Kerry Campbell and David McLeavy, alongside an Assistant Producer are collaboratively developing and delivering a programme of free, social and cultural activity in Sheffield City Centre's Creative Industries Quarter (CIQ) this summer. The programme of activity is funded through Sheffield City Council's economic recovery fund and led by lead partner [Site Gallery](#) alongside additional partners [The Showroom Workstation](#), [Yorkshire Artspace](#) and [Bloc Projects](#).

The council and project partners hope the programme of exciting, creative activity will increase footfall to the area, promote future cross-organisational working and refine and renew the area's identity as a creative and cultural hotspot. It will forge new working relationships between businesses and create a new sense of creative identity for the area.

The Summer in the CIQ programme will feature four 'Weekenders' of family, friendly and inclusive cultural activity, the themes and dates of which are as follows:

- Urban Futures: Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd July**
Young People: Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st July
Street Art: Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th August
Sustainability: Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th September

About Summer in the CIQ:

Each of the four Summer in the CIQ Weekenders will be made up of workshops, experiences, exhibitions, screenings, performances and more – with the [CIQ Square](#) (opposite Site Gallery and The Workstation) acting as a central hub at the heart of the action. The square will be transformed into an outdoor venue where visitors can hang out, purchase food and drink, and take part in a variety of free activities.

The events will also be spread across at least 10 locations within the area including cultural venues, cafes, bars and studios. Visitors can take part in creative workshops, learn new skills, get involved with family and children's activities and a physical trail through the quarter. The programme will be widely marketed, through project partners and the council, and all visitors will receive a map and programme – digital or print - for everything there is to experience over each Weekender.

Scope:

We are looking to support locally based artists and creatives to respond to one of the Weekender themes. The programming has been determined for the Young People's Weekender led by Site Gallery's Participation Manager Peter Martin and as such we are only welcoming creative responses to the themes of either; **Urban Futures, Street Art/Public Art** or **Sustainability**.

This is a supported opportunity and creative responses could include but are not limited to; art in the public realm, performance, interdisciplinary participatory workshops, screenings or installations that require the use of a partner venue within the Creative Industries Quarter.

This opportunity is for artists who live, work or have studios in Sheffield.

We particularly welcome applications from individuals who feel they are underrepresented in the arts and cultural sector and from individuals looking to start a career in the arts.

More information about the Urban Futures, Street Art/Public Art & Sustainability Weekenders (working copy):

Urban Futures

Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd July

What could the future of our city look like? And what part can we all play in the shaping of our urban environment? What changes would you like to see in your own city in 10, 100 or even 1000 years into the future?

Exploring themes of architecture, urban planning and alternative realities, the Urban Futures Weekender is a chance to ask these questions and to explore radical possibilities for the future of our urban environment with family-friendly activities and events. Join us for a programme of free informative and participatory workshops and drop-in children's activities, explore newly commissioned artworks, join architecture walking tours of the area and have your say live on the radio with our creative broadcasting partner [Montez Press Radio](#).

Street Art/Public Art Weekender (name TBC)

Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th August

The Street Art/Public Art Weekender is a celebration of art and creativity in the public realm. Grab a map and explore six newly commissioned murals, sited on the facade's of popular locations along the Creative Industries Quarter. In a programme of activity led by artists Jo Peel and Mark McClure the artworks are a celebration of the city's unique character, heritage and communities.

Back on the CIQ Square you can take part in a range of family-friendly creative and cultural activities with free, participatory art workshops, a live paint jam led by local artists and street and hip hop dance performances. What's more you can grab some food and have your say on reclaiming the streets live with our resident radio broadcasters [Montez Press Radio](#).

Sustainability Weekender

Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th September

The Summer in the Creative Industries Quarter (CIQ) Programme will culminate with the Sustainability Weekender. This exciting programme of free, family friendly activity explores ideas of environmental, social and personal sustainability, featuring creative contributions from local community groups, environmentally conscious artists and creatives.

What are our own relationships to local and global environmental concerns? Through cooperation and knowledge exchange, what small changes can we make to build a more sustainable future for ourselves and each other? And what

does sustainability mean to you? Take part in free, drop-in workshops sharing the joys of pickling, fermenting, gardening, seed saving and foraging, engage with newly commissioned artworks, grab a bite to eat or have your say live on the radio with our broadcasting partner [Montez Press Radio](#).

To apply:

Please submit your application to Tyler Mellins via email, referencing the email subject as 'Micro-commissions application': tyler@artspace.org.uk

You will need to submit:

1. A short CV featuring any relevant experience/transferable skills
2. A brief covering letter (no more than 500 words) outlining:
 - A loose proposal in response to an identified Weekender theme (either Urban Futures, Street Art/Public Art or Sustainability).
 - An early approach to the planning and development of the idea to indicate an understanding of the processes involved.
3. Complete this anonymous [Equal Opportunities Monitoring form](#)*.

* we ask all applicants for paid and voluntary roles to complete this monitoring form so that we can better understand the reach and fairness of our recruitment process. Data is anonymous and not linked to your application form.

**Closing date for applications is midnight, Wednesday 11th May 2022.
Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be contacted by Monday 16th May 2022.**

PLEASE NOTE: As this is a freelance position, the successful applicant will be responsible for their own tax and national insurance contributions. We are aware that the successful candidate may never have registered as self-employed, assistance will be offered to help you register as either self-employed or self-employed & employed and to guide you through the process of registering with HMRC.

