

## **COMMISSION OPPORTUNITY: MILLFIELD CREATIVE COMMISSION**

As part of the Millfield Community Chest fund, Sunderland City Council and Sunderland Culture are launching an open call to independent creative practitioners and artists based in Sunderland to apply to deliver a creative project based in the Millfield Ward, with the purpose of encouraging community members and visitors to engage and connect with their local area.

The project budget is £4,500, which must cover the design, production and installation, outlining any future maintenance costs.

### **ABOUT THE COMMISSION**

The Millfield Councillors want to support the Creative Sector by offering local artists or organisations the opportunity to apply for a grant to deliver a creative project within their ward of Millfield in the City of Sunderland.

The project is a pilot and if successful, it could be repeated on an annual basis.

Applications are sought for a creative project which can which can attract people into the area, and engage and encourage residents to walk around Millfield to improve their overall wellbeing. The art project needs to be accessible to the people of Millfield and the wider community, so they can view or interact with the art in some way.

We encourage applications from a variety of creative practitioners. Examples could include:

- a sculpture or series of sculptures
- a mural or series of murals
- a soundscape, songs or monologues to listen to as you walk around the area
- art which interacts with existing infrastructures- e.g. brightening up street furniture or road markings, such as, zebra crossings, litter bins or road barriers.

All sorts of bids and all forms of art will be considered. The work can be a temporary intervention, or something more permanent.

The agreed location of the art feature is open to negotiation but must be located in the Millfield ward. See enclosed map. However, permission from the land or property owner would need to be secured before confirmation of grant is awarded. With this call for projects being a joint initiative between Sunderland Culture and the City Council the list below provides potential locations for consideration. Note, this list is not restrictive.

- Burn Park, Burn Park Road
- The roundabout off on the A1231 leading onto Queen Alexandra Bridge
- Pocket Park, at the top of John Candlish Road
- Grassed area near St Marks Nursing Home or along St Marks Road North
- Parts of Chester Road or Hylton Road

### **SCORING MATRIX**

Submissions will be rated between 1 to 5 on each measure outlined below. 1 being very poor and 5 being exceptional. The measures are:

Located in the Millfield ward

Future maintenance costs nil or minimal

Easily and freely accessible to the public

Within the budget of £4,500

Improving people's wellbeing  
Permission granted or realistically obtainable

### **ELIGIBILITY**

To apply for the Millfield Creative Commission, you must meet the following criteria:

- You must be at least 18 years of age
- You must be either an independent creative practitioner who lives or works in Sunderland or a representative of a cultural organisation based in Sunderland.
- Creative practitioners must work in an Arts Council England supported art form, which are music, dance, theatre arts, visual arts, literature, combined arts or museum practice.
- You must have a UK bank account in the exact name you are applying in (if you apply as a small group of practitioners, one person should submit the submission and take the lead on managing the grant, and should provide their bank details)
- You must be able to demonstrate a professional track record of working as a creative practitioner/organisation
- You must be able to evidence your connection and commitment to the cultural development of Sunderland and the wider North East of England.
- You must be committed to providing quality services
- You must be able to present evidence of Public Liability Insurance and a current DBS (if your project involves working directly with vulnerable groups)
- You must be committed to working within Sunderland Culture's Safeguarding Policy, Health and Safety Policy and Equality and Diversity Policy guidelines.
- You must be willing to complete a full risk assessment prior to the programme commencing
- You must be able to complete the activity between January 2021- June 2021

### **TO APPLY**

To apply for the Millfield Creative Commission, please provide:

#### **INDIVIDUALS**

- An up to date CV, including contact details
- A statement about your work to date (no more than 300 words)
- Tell us about the creative activity you want to undertake and how you will do it (no more than 300 words)
- An example of your work (weblink or an attachment)
- A brief project timeline
- A full budget breakdown
- Details of a person who could act as a professional reference

#### **ORGANISATIONS**

- Full contact details
- A brief statement of how your organisation is constituted and managed
- A statement about the organisation's work to date (no more than 300 words)
- Tell us about the creative activity the organisation will undertake and how it will be done (no more than 300 words)
- Provide link to a website and social media, if you have them
- A brief project timeline
- Full budget breakdown
- Details of a person who could act as a professional reference

### **QUESTIONS**

Questions can be sent via email to [laura.brewis@sunderlandculture.org.uk](mailto:laura.brewis@sunderlandculture.org.uk)

### **TIMESCALES**

30 November 2020:	Deadline for submission
Early December 2020:	Grant awarded
December / January 2021:	Project commence and should take no longer than six months from the award date

### **SUBMISSIONS**

Please send submissions to [katie.mitchell@sunderlandculture.org.uk](mailto:katie.mitchell@sunderlandculture.org.uk).

Submissions will be judged by local Millfield Councillors and local Resident Associations based in the community, along with representatives from Sunderland Culture and Sunderland City Council.

Submissions will be scored against a matrix early December 2020, with the strongest applicant receiving notification soon afterwards. There are no appeals rights for unsuccessful submissions but feedback on the submission can be requested.

MAP OF MILLFIELD

