



10 YEARS OF WALKING TOGETHER - CELEBRATING MARKHAM COLLIERY

TENDER BRIEF FOR VISUAL ARTIST COMMISSION

We are seeking a visual artist with excellent engagement skills to deliver a series of creative workshops with nearby schools and community groups to produce multiple temporary artworks that will feature at the final celebration event for the Walking Together memorial.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

2022 marks a significant moment in the Walking Together project, in the 10th year of the project the voluntary Markham Vale Heritage Group (MVHG), supported by Derbyshire County Council and Beam, will complete the memorial.

Funding secured from the National Lottery Heritage Fund is supporting us to recognise this occasion, to celebrate the memorial's completion, remember the miners and highlight all those involved - the volunteers, relatives, community members, schools, the artist, fabricators and businesses who have all contributed time, money and passion.

The Walking Together project was first initiated in 2012 when artist Stephen Broadbent developed the idea in consultation with the community, for a mining memorial commemorating 106 men who died in 3 disasters at Markham. 'Walking Together' is a trail of 106 life-size steel figures walking from the former pit head to Duckmanton village and back.

93 Walking Together figures are now installed at the site. We have set ourselves a target of completing the memorial in its 10th anniversary year (autumn 2022) and installing the figures commemorating the final 13 men.

The final phase of the project includes community fundraising and awareness raising, creative engagement with local primary and secondary schools to develop creative written and visual responses to their mining heritage and the wider community via walking rambles and heritage walks. We will also be gathering additional oral histories for The Storymine website, develop a publication and create better signage around the memorial, ensuring visitors can easily navigate and interpret the heritage.

This will all lead to a final celebratory event in Autumn 2022 for all relatives, community, volunteers, sponsors and supporters when we will officially launch the final 13 figures, and share the outputs produced in the creative engagement stage. The event will be captured on film and photography.

REQUIRED DELIVERABLES FOR VISUAL ARTIST COMMISSION

- Development of schools engagement workshops producing outline lesson plans and relevant risk assessments
- Delivery of minimum of 8 sessions with schools and community groups resulting in some for of temporary artworks for use/display at celebratory event e.g. lanterns (potential for hybrid/ digital delivery if required due to restrictions). Participatory sessions take place in September after schools return.
- Site visit with Beam.
- Communication and attendance at meetings with Beam (virtual wherever possible)
- Attendance at final celebration event and support the showcasing of artwork created by schools at the event.

FEE

A Fee of up to **£4,500** + VAT if applicable, is available. This is inclusive of all artist time, expenses and project materials / equipment. *Indicative breakdown: £1,000 materials budget and £3,500 for artist delivery fees (indicative 14 artist days at £250).*

TIMEFRAME

Deadline for applications: **9:30am: Monday 6th June**

The project will be delivered between May - November 2022. (*Celebration event to potentially be held in October*).

PROJECT TEAM

The overall management of this project will be overseen by the Markham Vale Public Art Steering Group (MVPASG). This group comprises:

- Peter Storey, Head of Markham Vale, Economy, Transport and Communities, Derbyshire County Council;
- Anthony Clitheroe, Director (North East), Henry Boot plc;
- Ann Wright, Head of Arts, Place, Derbyshire County Council.

Beam has been engaged to manage the delivery of the arts and community engagement programme, overseen by the above Steering Group. Beam is a cultural development

organisation working across the North of England, collaborating with Artists to shape inspiring, creative and inclusive public spaces for all, which are owned and loved by their communities.

The Markham Vale Heritage Group (MVHG) was established to guide the memorial and ensure its delivery meets the needs of the local community. The group has 20-25 regular members who attend quarterly meetings with representatives from the MVPASG and Beam to help guide the project. The group's representation is diverse and includes ex-miners, families who have lost a parent/sibling in one of the disasters, representatives of local schools, historians, local council officers and others interested in establishing a mining memorial.

The lead artist for the Walking Together memorial is Stephen Broadbent. Stephen has over 30 years experience in managing major public realm projects and conceived the 'Walking Together' concept. Broadbent Studio is a team of experienced artists, designers and makers responding imaginatively to place and people.

REQUIRED INFORMATION

DEADLINE: 9:30am: Monday 6th June

Tender response documents for this role should be provided digitally and must include the following:

- Description of why you are interested in this opportunity and how you would approach the brief to reach a successful outcome.
- Quotation for cost of works listed in required deliverables
- Examples of 3 relevant previous projects
- CV
- Public Liability insurance details

Please send your tender response document by email to kate@beam.uk.net by **9:30am on Monday 6th June** as a single PDF. Please note that all tenders will receive a receipt by email.

Alternative formats for submission such as a short 3 minute video will be accepted. Please contact Frances Smith in advance of submission.

PERMISSIONS

All relevant Derbyshire County Council policies and procedures will apply to this work. All work will be subject to relevant permissions prior to implementation.

HEALTH & SAFETY / CHILD PROTECTION



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Derbyshire County Council's Health & Safety and Child Protection Policy will be applied to this project as appropriate.

INSURANCE

The consultant will be required to provide detail of Public Liability and other relevant insurances as requested by the Public Art Steering Group.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

Derbyshire County Council believes that promoting equality and diversity through all its work is important. The Council will work with partners and communities to deliver the following vision: "A fair and inclusive Derbyshire, where all communities are strong places, where equality and diversity are seen as positive aspects of everyday life and where individuals get on well together and feel included in the communities in which they live, work or study." To view the full policy visit

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/site-elements/documents/pdf/council/equalities/equality-and-diversity-policy.pdf>

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