



Call for Submissions

Participatory/Co-creative Commission for a Meet Me At... project for over 60s

Background:

- **Meet Me At...** is an award winning programme of activities for isolated older people in the borough of Lewisham, produced by Entelechy Arts and the Albany. Since 2013 we have run a range of creative projects for older people in the borough of Lewisham: from day-trips and dance-classes to singing, sculpting, circus and photography.
- It started with the question: **'What if isolated and lonely older people had the opportunity to go to an arts centre instead of a day centre?'**
- For three weeks in September and October 2019, Lewisham will become a hive of creative activity for the borough's first ever **Festival of Creative Ageing** - produced by The Albany, Entelechy Arts and Lewisham Council -celebrating the transformative power of the arts in our lives as we age.

Project: Meet Me at Lewisham Homes

- Meet Me At... and social housing provider Lewisham Homes have worked in partnership over the last four years, delivering weekly creative sessions in communal areas of Living schemes for over 60s.
- In 16/17 we were awarded Celebrating Age funding by the Arts Council to enhance the work we do at these schemes by commissioning specific artistic projects.
- We are now in our final year of the Celebrating Age funding, and we will have produced twelve artist commissions and four documenting artist commissions

Opportunity

- We are looking for co-created commission proposals from artists or companies to work with residents at a Lewisham Homes Independent Living scheme for over 60s.
- All ideas will be considered.
- We are interested to hear from older artists.
- Commissioned projects will take place between July 2019 and October 2019.
- Your project will include a focus on our *performative procession* which will open the 21st Century Tea Dance in the Festival of Creative Ageing. This will include members from across the Meet Me At... programme including one other commission with Lewisham Homes residents.
- We would expect an artist/company to deliver 12 sessions within this period and ideally for these to be in a consistent (weekly) block.
- There will be paid training before the sessions begin, and debrief sessions during and after the completion of your commission.
- Your project will mostly work with one group of people at one agreed residential scheme in the borough of Lewisham
- The documenting artist will work across both commissions to bring ideas and strands together for the collaborative *performative procession*.
- Commission fees will be in the region of £2500-£3000.

“The project has confirmed for me that you never stop being an artist or creative – that everyone, given the opportunity, can make amazing work.”

- Celebrating Age artist

To submit a proposal:

You can submit your proposal by email to meetme@thealbany.org.uk

Or by post to: Meet Me At, The Albany Centre, Douglas Way SE8 4AG.

If you would like to discuss other ways to submit your work or have any questions please do get in touch. To get in touch you can email, or phone 0208 692 0231, extension 280, or speak in person at the Albany Centre.

Please use the reference ‘Meet Me Call-Out 3’

Your proposal should address the following questions, using no more than 2 A4 pages:

- Describe your artistic proposal.
- How would you deliver this practically?
- How would you involve participants in the creative process? Think about the type of participants you will be working with and what challenges and opportunities this might bring.
- How would you include the *performative procession* in your project?
- Please include a draft budget for materials – which should not exceed £600.
- What do you see as the legacy of your idea for residents?

Please also include a link to a website or a CV. This information does not have to fit within the 2 page proposal.

Deadline: 24th June 2019 9am

Interview date: 27th June / 1st July 2019. We are happy to discuss any access arrangements in advance.