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## INFORMATION PACK

### *We Shine artistic light installation*

## OPEN CALL OUT - Applications open!

To be live at We Shine Portsmouth 2023\*\*

### INTRODUCTION

We Shine Portsmouth is a free light art festival held at the end of November. The event brings together local and national artists, taking to the streets and local venues over three evenings to exhibit light art installations in celebration of Portsmouth and our diverse communities. We Shine is a cross artform event showcasing visual arts, performing arts, dance, music and digitalisation. In addition to this we also enable retail space through our We Create market.

Leading up to the festival we work with a number of creative practitioners who engage with numerous schools and community groups through free creative workshops, producing content such as installations, parades and memorable experiences. Previous We Shine festivals have provided the opportunity for local creatives to receive professional mentorship in emerging technologies. Through this concept we offer them the opportunity to build their capacity developing new skills, whilst exploring new creative mediums providing them with a platform to exhibit their works for the first time across the public realm.

We wish to work with a diverse cohort of people to bring the city to life, whether you are a talented creative or from a creative organisation. Or local people and businesses, community group, charities, social enterprises or University students and young people. Through creative collaboration we can put Portsmouth on the map.

### DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR AN ARTISTIC LIGHT INSTALLATION?

This is your chance to be part of our bold and ambitious programme for 2023, by becoming one of our We Shine artists.

This call out is aimed at encouraging anyone (aged 18 or older) with an interest in using light to bring their creativity to life, resulting in your artwork being produced and exhibited at We Shine 2023.

We want to hear your proposal for an artistic light installation that you / yourself and your fellow creative practitioners create.

Through We Shine we aim to encourage creativity across Portsmouth and the wider region. As well as enabling opportunities for artists and practitioners from across the UK to support our vision for sector growth, working with our creative communities to build capacity and establish greater profile.

Successful applicants will be supported by Portsmouth Creates with production costs and technical expertise to create and install their artwork, as part of this you will receive a fee with a maximum budget of £7,000

**Applications for the WE SHINE 2023 are now open!**

Please read the information pack below before applying via the online form and contact us if you require the information in an alternative format which we will be happy to provide.

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023\*\***

***\*\*Please note We Shine is funding dependent e.g. Portsmouth Creates are / will be seeking funding for 2023, it is not guaranteed.***



<https://www.weshineportsmouth.co.uk/artists/this-new-ground/>

**YOUR IDEA**

Overall, there is no set theme for We Shine 2023, however we are looking to explore the following areas this year, so if your idea links to these be sure to include the details of how...

- Geology, earth, sea, Portsmouth's landscape and geography
- Environment and well-being, natural environment, the hearts and lungs of Portsmouth and evoking memories
- Celebrating 25 years of twinning link – Japan, lanterns, cranes, origami and taiko, mindfulness, well-being

There is no set theme, just that we want to see your inspirational idea for an artwork/installation/sculpture/etc that has an element of light/lights up/etc that is live at We Shine 2023. Portsmouth Creates programme is diverse and ambitious, so be bold and unique and think big.

**KEY DATES**

- Install / set up: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> / Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 9am – 4pm
- Live event dates: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 5pm – 9pm

- De-rig / take down: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 9am – 4pm

### **SUSTAINABILITY**

Consider ways that you could make your artwork more environmentally friendly such as using sustainable technology or recycled materials.

### **COMMUNITY**

Think about how your installation does / could engage with a section of the community.

We are particularly interested in receiving applications from projects that engage with communities that are underrepresented.

### **ARTWORK LOCATION**

You do not need a location in mind for your artwork to make an application. If your idea is successful, our Programme Manager will work with you and advise on spaces and locations for the We Shine Festival. Permissions for the use of each site will be secured by Portsmouth Creates after the WE SHINE commission is selected.



<https://www.weshineportsmouth.co.uk/artists/funk-format-soul-rawkus-2/>

### **ELIGIBILITY - Who can apply?**

- Anyone aged over 18
- Anyone currently living in the UK

### **We are particularly interested in receiving applications from:**

- Individuals who live or have links to Portsmouth
- Collaborations between creative practitioners
- Projects that allow large audience numbers to engage with the installation at any onetime
- Projects that have a green / sustainable element
- Applications from those within under-represented community groups

### **In addition to the above we are particularly interested in receiving applications that consider:**

- Opportunities to support and involve communities and high quality culture/ creativity
- Opportunity to collaborate, building skills and capacity
- Opportunities to involve young people



## PREVIOUS COMMISSION

2021:

<https://www.portsmouthcreates.co.uk/events/we-shine-portsmouth-2021/>

<https://www.weshineportsmouth.co.uk/school-engagement-projects/>

<https://www.weshineportsmouth.co.uk/category/2021/>

2022:

<https://www.portsmouthcreates.co.uk/weshineportsmouth/>

<https://www.weshineportsmouth.co.uk/>

## WE SHINE PROJECT COMMISSION WILL INCLUDE

- Projects will be eligible for a fee of up to £7,000 dependent upon scale of artwork and engagement levels (this fee is to include production, materials, fabrication and associated artist fees)
- Support from Portsmouth Creates Programme Manager to realise the idea
- Portsmouth Creates will pay for the costs of event management and security associated with your installation
- An international platform to exhibit your artwork. We Shine Portsmouth has extensive audience reach and receives significant media coverage from local, national and international outlets
- Introduction to appropriate networks to support future exhibitions and showings of your artwork

## HOW TO APPLY

WE SHINE 2023 has two application stages. To complete Stage 1 application, please click the link below for the application form

### STAGE 1

**We will only accept one application for this process We will consider your first application only. You cannot change your application form once it has been submitted.**

As part of the form we ask the following information:

- **Name, address and contact details**
- **Demographic information** e.g. gender, age, ethnicity (this information is not mandatory. You can choose not to complete this part of the form if you prefer)
- **Tell us about yourself:** It doesn't have to be arts-related: we would like to know a little bit about your story and why you want to be part of WE SHINE 2023. (Max 200 words)
- **Describe your idea:** Keep things clear and brief. It's the idea that we are most interested in at this stage. Please include the title if you have one. (Max 750 words)
- **How will your light artwork be made and what will it be made out of?** You can use any material, as long as the end piece lights up. Sustainable ideas will be looked on particularly favourably. Give us an outline of the materials you will use to realise your idea. Remember, it must be suitable for the outdoors and winter weather.
- **Please seriously consider ways that you could make your artwork more environmentally friendly such as using sustainable technology or recycled materials.** (Max 500 words)

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- **What would the audience experience be if they visited your artwork?** What will they see and hear? How will it be positioned? Is it interactive? Is your artwork participatory? How will the artwork make people feel? (Max 100 words)
  - **What is the proposed timeline for making your piece?** How long do you think it will take to make your piece? What is the process? (Max 300 words)
  - **Do you have any specific requirements about the final location of your artwork?** i.e. Does your installation need to be on a wall, or by water, or in a tunnel? Please remember you do not need a location in mind to make an application. (Max 100 words)
  - **What might your project cost?** Please give us an idea of how much your artwork might cost to make. If you are selected for Stage Two of the application process, we can support you in developing a full budget with detailed costs if required
  - **Availability for interview dates on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>/ Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**
  - **A maximum of 5 supporting documents.** These can be drawings, photographs, sketches, models, mood boards and renders – anything that helps us understand and visualise your idea
  - **How did you hear about this opportunity?**

## **STAGE 2**

- If your Stage 1 application is successful, you will be invited to an initial meeting, ideally held in person in Portsmouth with the Portsmouth Creates Programme Manager to discuss your application.
- You will need to be available for this meeting which will be held during the daytime of Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>/ Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May but can be flexible.
- At this stage you may be asked to develop a more detailed proposal. Portsmouth Creates can support with the process of developing your idea further.
- On receipt of a final detailed proposal, the programming panel will make a decision and you will be contacted within one week where further details will be provided if your project is selected.

## **LINKS**

WE SHINE 2023 Online Application Form

WE SHINE 2023 Word document link for download

If you are unable to access the online form, you can also download the application form above as a Word Document and send it to us at [info@portsmouthcreates.co.uk](mailto:info@portsmouthcreates.co.uk). You can also print and post your form to the following address (postal application will need to reach us on or before the deadline date: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023):

WE SHINE 2023  
Portsmouth Creates  
Southsea Library – Top Floor  
19-21 Palmerston Road  
Southsea  
Portsmouth  
Hampshire  
PO5 3QQ

**GETTING HELP TO APPLY**

**We are very happy to answer any questions. Please get in touch if you need:**

- Any help with completing your application form
- The information pack in a different format
- To apply in a different format

**CONTACT US**

Mon – Fri, 09:00 -16:00 / [info@portsmouthcreates.co.uk](mailto:info@portsmouthcreates.co.uk)



<https://www.weshineportsmouth.co.uk/artists/jeannie-driver/>

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