



INFORMATION PACK

An audience participation installation

OPEN CALL OUT - Applications open!

To be live at both of the following events in 2023**:

- Portsmouth Creates Hub at Victorious Festival
- We Shine Portsmouth

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 ENGAGING LIGHT INSTALLATION CONCEPT WITH AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION AT ITS HEART?

We want to hear your proposal for a new interactive installation that is driven through audience participation. You / yourself and your fellow creative practitioners will guide the audience to engage and create elements of “live” art, each day as part of the Portsmouth Creates Hub at Victorious Festivals, and also at We Shine.

As part of its creative the installation will also need to light up at night.

Applications for WE TOGETHER, an interactive artwork commission is now open!

This is your chance to co-create a large-scale artwork with the community at the UK’s largest metropolitan music festival – Victorious Festival and Portsmouth city wide light festival – We Shine Portsmouth.

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





CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: Friday 19th May 2023

****Please note We Shine and We Together are funding dependant e.g. Portsmouth Creates are / would be seeking funding to achieve them, they are not guaranteed****



YOUR IDEA

Overall, there is no set them, we want to use this platform to see your inspirational idea for an artwork/installation/sculpture that the audience can contribute to “live,” (guided by you /yourselves) at/over the 2 mentioned events. 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

Portsmouth Creates programme is diverse and ambitious, so be bold and unique and think big.

SUSTAINABILITY

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

ELIGIBILITY - Who can apply?

- Anyone aged over 18
- Anyone currently living in the UK
- Must be available to run “live” element of installation with audience as follows:

Portsmouth Creates Hub at Victorious Festival

- Install / set up: Wednesday 23rd / Thursday 24th August, 10am – 6pm
- Manage live interactive days with audience participation: Friday 25th August – Sunday 27th August, 10am – 7pm





- De-rig / take down: Monday 28th August, 10am – 6pm

We Shine Portsmouth

- Install / set up: Tuesday 14th / Wednesday 15th November, 9am – 4pm
- Manage live interactive days with audience participation: Thursday 16th – Saturday 18th November, 5pm – 9pm
- De-rig / take down: Sunday 19th November, 9am – 4pm

We are particularly interested in receiving applications from:

- Individuals who have links to Portsmouth
- Collaborations between creative practitioners
- Projects that allow large audience numbers to engage and contribute to the overall installation at both Portsmouth Creates hub at Victorious Festival and We Shine Portsmouth
- Applications from those within under-represented community groups



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 TOGETHER commission is selected.

PREVIOUS COMMISSION

Last year's installation saw national artist Mick Stephenson create the inspirational 'Circle of Hope' installation (see image within document) – community members were invited to decorate 1500 recycled Perspex hearts with their hopes and dreams, hanging them from the installation at each of the festivals. The installation had lights within it so it lit up at night, as well as looking beautifully decorated in the day.



WE TOGETHER PROJECT COMMISSION WILL INCLUDE

- Projects will be eligible for a fee of up to £10k, 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. Victorious Festival and We Shine Portsmouth have 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 TOGETHER 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 TOEGTHER 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 with "live" audience participation to build it is the heart of the final artwork. Please provide 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)
- **What is the audience experience contributing to the "live" installation?** What will the audience participation be? How will they contribute to the installation? How will you manage the "live" element of audience engagement? How long approx. will it take each participant to contribute? (Max 100 words)
- **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? (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 25th / Friday 26th 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 25th/26th 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 TOGETHER 2023 Online Application Form

WE TOGETHER 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. 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: 19th May 2023):

WE TOGETHER
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





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