



# Bee Inclusive 'Bee Visible' Arts Project and 2025 Exhibition

## Freelance Artist Brief

### **Context:**

Bee Inclusive is a not-for-profit Community Interest Group founded in Greater Manchester and based in The Bury SEND Hub in Radcliffe.

We provide social opportunities for children and young people with SEND (Special, Educational Needs and Disabilities) within Bury. For more information about Bee Inclusive please visit [Home | Bee Inclusive](#).

Bee Inclusive have received funding from the Bury Culture Fund made possible by the UK Government through their UK Shared Prosperity Fund. To provide a 12 months arts programme for children (5-16 years) with special educational needs and disabilities. The art work produced within this programme will then be exhibited at Bee Inclusive's 'Bee Visible' 2025 exhibition. This will be a public exhibition held in Bury in celebration of the SEND community. For more information on this project please visit [BEE Visible Project and Exhibition | Bee Inclusive](#)

The project will consist of a series of art workshops led by a variety of local artists who will work with the children over approximately 5 sessions to produce a piece of artwork that expresses something unique to them or the SEND community.

Each participant's final piece will be exhibited. There will also be opportunities for artists to have their own work exhibited. More information relating to the exhibition itself will be shared once details are finalised.

### **Project Aims:**

- To encourage and create opportunities accessible and inclusive for SEND youth to get creative, learn new skills whilst making friends and finding their place within a community.
- To introduce and promote disability arts whilst bringing disability arts into mainstream settings.
- Increase representation of individuals with SEND within our local community and the arts community.
- To share the unique experiences of the SEND community.
- To celebrate Bury's SEND community.

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## **Role description**

The role will largely consist of face-to-face delivery of visual art workshops and activities at The Bury SEND Hub amongst other accessible venues across Bury with groups of up to 10 children (5 – 16 years) all with some special educational needs and disabilities. Parent/carers will be expected to stay for the duration of each workshop to supervise their child alongside Bee Inclusive volunteers who will be on hand to support the artists and participating children.

Freelance Artists will be expected to devise and deliver their workshops with a clear direction. The idea is to provide one cohort of children a workshop series which could consist of 3 – 5 individual 2 hour sessions. The number and duration of sessions will depend on how long each artist anticipates they will need to produce exhibitions pieces.

The aim of this project is to provide these workshops in various locations across Bury, locations could include: The Bury SEND Hub (home of Bee Inclusive), local schools, local halls, open parks etc. We will work with all artists to establish what location is best suited for the art being produced and the children attending the workshop.

The definition of visual art can be fairly broad and we welcome different approaches. Final pieces for exhibiting will need to be portable and possible to arrange on standard gallery wall panels, or sit on tables/freestanding or projected. We would like the work undertaken to expand on themes or subjects relevant to Children with SEND and the SEND community as a whole such as; inclusion, accessibility, mobility, mental health, disability culture, stereotypes. This is not an exhaustive list and we would welcome different ideas and interpretations.

## **Person specification**

### **Essential qualities and experience:**

- Demonstrable experience of working with a diverse range of participants including children
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- The ability to adapt approaches to meet the needs and interests of individuals with special educational needs and disability.
- Proven ability to plan and lead art workshops
- A good understanding of safeguarding issues relating to children

### **Desirable qualities and experience:**

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- Experience of working in schools and community learning settings and/or museums or other cultural settings

## Infrastructure needed:

- A current DBS check (if not, the applicant must obtain a DBS check).
- Insurance
- Self employed - invoice Bee Inclusive for workshops completed

We welcome applications from artists of all cultures and backgrounds.

## Schedule

7th June – Deadline for applications

10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June – Informal conversations with artists

1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 - 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – Workshops running throughout Bury

March 2025 date TBC – Bee Visible Public Exhibition

## Fee

Each artist will receive a flat fee of £50 per 2 hour workshop. All artists need to be self-employed and send us an invoice for their work.

## How to apply

Please send the following FAO Kandice at [hellobeeinclusive@gmail.com](mailto:hellobeeinclusive@gmail.com) by midnight on 7th June 2024.

- Current CV including a statement about your artistic practice
- Up to 5 images of art work (Jpegs, max 1MB each or links to images online)
- A covering letter outlining your interest in the role and how you meet the person specification
- Workshop proposal
  1. (within this please include the following information)
  2. Intended mediums to be used for the final exhibited art work
  3. How the art work will relate to the SEND community
  4. What age range would benefit most from your workshops, such as 5-8, 9-12, 13-16.

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5. Are the activities proposed able to be adapted for children with reduced physical mobility?
  6. When would you be available to run your workshops, such as, Monday- Friday school hours, Monday to Friday Evenings, weekends etc..
- Details of any access requirements or adjustments you would need made throughout this project.

If you require this information in another format, or to submit your application in another format contact Kandice at [hellobeeinclusive@gmail.com](mailto:hellobeeinclusive@gmail.com)

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