

# Made in Halton commission brief

Liberty UK Halton

## Summary

Festival dates: 18 - 19 September 2021

Number of commissions available: 1

Grant amount: £1,500 including the fee to create the work and the materials

Deadline for applying: 5 pm, Wednesday 14 July 2021

Application process: To apply for the commission please complete this [Google Form](#).

## Background

[Liberty UK](#) is an annual interdisciplinary festival that explores freedom and democracy through artistic projects and public interventions around the UK. In September 2021, Liberty UK will come to Halton as part of the The Borough of Culture programme; Celebrate Halton 2021. As part of the Festival, ArtReach are teaming up with Made in Halton to deliver an enhanced commission for artists working in the Borough of Halton or with a connection to the area.

The Borough of Culture (BoC) is an initiative of the Local Cultural Partnership (LCR) and involves a commitment from the Liverpool City Region (LCR) to support cultural activities. Rotating around the LCR each year, Halton is the nominated Borough of Culture in 2021.

## Borough of Culture Objectives

The core objectives of the Borough of Culture are outlined below. These objectives will be used as part of the assessment criteria. Please outline in your application how you meet 1 or more of these criteria

1. **Children and Young People** – Increased engagement with children and young people, enabling them to access, enjoy, develop skills and thrive through culture and creative engagement. Talent pathways should also be identified to ensure clear career routes into the cultural sector.
2. **Positive outcomes** – Improving health and wellbeing through access to cultural activities. Utilising culture as a mechanism for education, social cohesion and shaping the future world of work.
3. **Communities** – Increase participation, particularly from the ageing society. Minimising social isolation and maximising existing community resources, value for money and community engagement.
4. **Distinctiveness of place** – Promote the creative and cultural offer to local people and visitors, creating a USP for the Liverpool City Region and each of the boroughs to encourage greater visitor numbers.
5. **Infrastructure** – Leaving a legacy through better infrastructure for culture and creativity to celebrate successes and ensure the future sustainability of the sector.

Liberty UK is produced and presented by ArtReach. ArtReach is a charity who deliver arts festivals across the country; they have been commissioned to support the Celebrate Halton 2021 programme.

## What we are looking for

We are looking for an artist or artists to respond to the themes of the Liberty UK Festival, and the objectives outlined above to create a temporary trail based piece of work. The work must be:

- Based in site specific outdoor locations or visible to members of the public from outdoors
- We are looking for ideas that are rooted in environmental sustainability. This will play a key part in the decision making process. The idea should consider the materials being used including where they have come from and what will happen to them after the work is taken down
- Your idea should have strong links to the key themes of the festival: freedom and democracy and meet one or more of the objectives set out by Celebrate Halton 2021
- The work will be of appropriate scale and impact to ensure that it has impact, but manageable within the budget and time that you have

- There is no maximum or minimum number of elements that we expect you to include in the trail, however, you must be able to demonstrate that the trail makes sense geographically and is accessible to a wider cross section of the population.

## **Who you are**

We are looking for interdisciplinary artists with experience in creating engaging work, who have a particular interest in exploring themes of democracy and freedom. Artists of all disciplines and backgrounds are encouraged to apply. We welcome applications from emerging artists, however, you must be able to demonstrate your interest in this area of work and examples of your practice.

ArtReach works to make inclusive change in the arts and cultural sector. Our aim is to become a truly inclusive organisation with a workforce and audience as diverse as the communities we serve.

ArtReach welcomes applications from all sections of the community. ArtReach works to actively combat discrimination and to ensure that prospective or present employees, artists and participants are treated fairly regardless of any protected characteristics.

ArtReach can provide advice, guidance and support to ensure you can take part in any or all activities, and can offer access support if you need it. Should you wish to discuss your access needs or give us feedback, please contact Beth Piggott ([beth@artreach.biz](mailto:beth@artreach.biz))

## **Criteria**

- Artists must be a resident and have the right to work in the UK or another European country
- Have a portfolio of work that can be used to consider your application
- Have an understanding of issues relating to freedom, democracy and human rights issues
- Preference will be given to artists who are based in the Borough of Halton or have a strong connection to the Borough of Halton.

## **How to apply**

To apply for the commission please complete this [Google form](#). The deadline for applying is 5 pm on Wednesday 14 July 2021.

## **Shortlisting and timeframe**

The deadline for applications is 5 pm on Wednesday 14 July 2021. Shortlisting will take place on 15 and 16 July. Successful applicants will be notified on Monday 19 July. Your work will be presented in Halton on the weekend of 18 - 19 September 2021.