

Bench for Balham

Artist Brief

Overview

Wandsworth Council is seeking an artist to animate a bench situated on Bedford Hill, Balham. Successful artist(s) will consider full design and installation of the work bringing a unique design which is sympathetic to its locality.

The aim of the commission is to bring to life the existing wooden composite seating, creating something which is both functional, artistically interesting and engaging. We encourage designs that are original alternatives to traditional public street benches and which complement our Arts and Culture Place-shaping goal to:

“Ensure arts and culture is integrally linked to the development of different parts of the Borough supporting the Area Strategies set out in the Local Plan and contributing to the improvement of the Boroughs neighbourhoods, high streets and regeneration areas ensuring arts and culture are accessible to all, grow the ambition of the Borough and reflect the needs and opportunities of the residents and creative clusters”.

Scope of brief:

Fees: applying artists should provide full project costs to include artist time, expenses, production and installation (with the selected artist expected to manage fabrication and installation).

Project Management: Project Management support and coordination of installation will be provided by Wandsworth Council High Streets Team.

Insurances: Relevant insurances will be covered and managed by Wandsworth Council High Streets Team

Longevity of work: selected work will be expected to last as long as reasonably possible i.e. the scope of this brief is not for a temporary work

Material: artists must select materials compatible with permanent application on composite wood e.g. paints used must be outdoor resilient.

Artist Selection:

Following an open call, a selection of artists will be invited to attend an interview to present a selection of their previous work, their response to the brief and describe how they will see the commission through to delivery.

We are especially interested to hear from local, Wandsworth based artists with experience of design and installation of works in the public realm. We particularly welcome expressions of interest from artists who reflect the diversity of communities in Wandsworth

Timescale:

We expect to select and interview shortlisted artists on early July (date TBC) and expect the successful artist to start work soon after appointment. The project is expected to be completed by August 2022.

Artist Call-out: May 2022

Deadline for artist submissions: Midnight 30th June 2022

Shortlisting & Panel: Early July

Decisions: Mid-July

Appoint Artist: Mid- July

Installation: Early August

Site Location & Details:

The bench is situated outside large Sainsbury’s, Bedford Hill Balham

Bench dimensions: height back: 133cm, length back: 357cm, height seat: 39cm, length seat: 212cm.



Contact

Most questions should be covered by this brief. Clarification questions can be sent to Lucy Murray, Arts & Culture Programme and Partnerships Manager:
lucy.murray@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk

Application Process

To apply please fill out this **FORM** by **30th June 2022**

Applicants are requested to send up to five images of their proposed work, this can include examples of recent work to: lucy.murray@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk

