



Art in the Huts – Open Call

Introduction

We are seeking expressions of interest from artists for Art in the Huts installations at First Light Festival which is taking place on the 22nd/23rd June 2019 in Lowestoft, Suffolk. Art in the Huts will take place in the colourful beach huts on the lower promenade of South Beach, Lowestoft.

Context and Background

First Light Festival is a new, free, 24 hour multi-arts festival, taking place across the summer solstice weekend, from midday on Saturday the 22nd June, through to midday on Sunday 23rd in Lowestoft, the UK's most easterly town, where the first sunrise reaches the horizon every morning. Extending across the promenade and gardens, First Light Festival offers a unique shared experience through changing tides, light and darkness, sun and stars, with music, dance, art, science, film, talks, walks and workshops.

The Festival celebrates a sense of place – Lowestoft's unique location, its relationship with the sea including its fishing heritage, its future in the renewable energy sector and its role as the home of the headquarters of Cefas, the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science. The festival is also inspired by the sun, moon, stars and tides and the 24 hour concept.

Lowestoft's beach huts are a colourful and familiar part of the sea front. The Art in the Huts aims to respond to them in an original and inventive way.

The Art in the Huts open call aims to support up to 8 artists in responding to the First Light Festival concept by creating in situ artwork within a beach hut. This could encompass the following:

- 3D / 2D artwork
- Audio/ multi-media
- Other

Terms of Residency

Facilities

A beach hut measures 2m x 1.7m, 1.6m high with a fully boarded door. Power will be available.

First Light Festival C.I.C. Company No: 11480047
Parham House Barn, Brick Lane, Framlingham, Suffolk, IP13 9LQ
www.firstlightlowestoft.com

Budget

There is a stipend of £150 to support the installation.

Art in the Huts Schedule

March 2019: Artists selected

April 2019: Recce of beach huts

May 2019: Technical meeting

June 2019: Installation – set up and install from 20th June, de-rig 24th June

Experience

We are preferably looking for local/regional artists.

How to apply

Application can either be made online to info@firstlightlowestoft.com or a hard-copy can be posted or delivered to First Light Festival, Parham House Barn, Brick Lane, Framlingham, Suffolk, IP13 9LQ.

The application should consist of the following:

- An artist statement that includes a clear description of your proposed installation outlining materials and process (no more than 750 words)
- Up to 5 images of your concept for the installation
- Up to 5 images of examples of the your artists portfolio to date
- A CV

The deadline for submissions is 5pm on the 15th February 2019 (online) or must be delivered to the First Light Festival (address above) by midday on the 15th February 2019.

Please note First Light Festival cannot be held responsible for the loss or damage to any hardcopies and understands that the hardcopies cannot be posted back. The applicant must make their own arrangements to collect any hard copy application back from First Light Festival by the 29th March 2019.

For more information, please contact Lizzie Hall, Project Manager, First Light Festival by email info@firstlightlowestoft.com 01728 723321 (9am-5pm Mon-Fri)

Selection Process

Applications will be assessed on the following criteria:

- The quality of the artistic concept
- How the proposal addresses the aims of the brief

Applications will be assessed by the Panel, which is made up of First Light Festival Directors and the Director of East Anglia Art Fund, in early March.

Successful applicants will announced on the 4th March.

First Light Festival will acknowledge receipt of applications but will only contact those artists who are selected.

