

Ysgol Y Preseli Youth Co Creation Project

Span Arts, a community arts organisation based in Pembrokeshire, wishes to recruit a Welsh speaking artist to facilitate this exciting project at a local Welsh school.



About the project

The project will involve a mixed class of year 8 children from Ysgol Y Preseli, Crymch with aim to regenerate the school's community garden, following a series of co creation workshops led by SPAN Arts team members.

The aim of the project is to use recycled materials to revamp the community garden through a series of workshops, whilst improving the physical and emotional health of pupils.

The recycled theme was a strong element of importance to pupils during the co-creation workshops, along with improving emotional and physical health, collaboration and having a voice as a young person growing up in West Wales. We would like to see elements of these themes incorporated in the project.

This is an exceptional opportunity for pupils to work with a professional artist to explore a range of art techniques and skills, in a positive, creative, and holistic way whilst working with their environment and voicing what is important to them.

The project is a wider part of SPAN's Pembrokeshire youth projects funded by Arts Council of Wales CREATE fund.

What we are looking for

- A highly creative, dynamic artist who bring with them a depth of experience and aptitude to work with and inspire children.
- Someone who can make learning fun
- You will need to be inclusive, flexible, responsive and an excellent communicator
- Ysgol Y Preseli is a Welsh speaking school, therefore there is a requirement for a Welsh/ bilingual speaking artist to facilitate the workshops.
- An emphasis on sustainable practice, using reused or recycled materials where possible, alongside using good quality arts materials where needed.
- A consideration for the environment and sustainability
- Ideas that may inspire pupils to get involved with their community garden and school eco group.
- Creative ways to document both visually and reflectively throughout the project in contribution to an evaluation at the end of the project.

How to submit your idea

We invite you to submit your creative response in whatever format works best for you, it could be written, video or audio. Whatever format you choose we ask you tell us:

- Who you are and a bit about your creative practice
- What sort of work you make, what inspires you, how long you have been doing it or any past projects or experience you think would be helpful for us to know.
- What is your idea and how could it make a longer-term impact for the school

Timescale

Deadline for application is 12pm on Thursday 7th January 2023

The project will be delivered between January and March 2023, exact dates to be agreed with artist and school on recruitment.

In addition to, following the workshops, the artist would contribute to the opening of the community garden

How the artist will be selected

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for a creative discussion to tell us more about their project idea.

A decision will be made by a small panel made up of SPAN team members, school representatives and children that will be taking part in this exciting opportunity.

What next?

The Span team will arrange to meet you, to introduce the school team and to agree the details of the work and finalise your budget.

What we can offer

The project will be managed by the Span Arts team who will

- Support you to deliver the project
- Coordinate the space and delivery of workshops with you and the school
- Provide volunteer support if required
- Cover the cost of and support sourcing of materials and equipment as needed in line with the budget
- Coordinate and implement SPAN's safeguarding, health and safety and data protection policies
- Provide public liability insurance for the project
- A fee for your time: this includes planning and delivery time. Span Arts support fair pay for the artists we work with and would expect to pay between £150 to £250 per full working day depending on your experience and if it is prep/planning time or active delivery.

Eligibility

The project is open to those who are UK residents and over the age of 18

You can be based anywhere in the UK; however, we actively encourage creative responses from artists who have a personal connection to West Wales and who understand the unique context of the region.

We actively encourage creative responses from artists of colour, people who are disabled and/ or neurodivergent and Welsh speakers and will work to support any access needs you may have.

Get in touch

If you would like to have a chat before applying, please email info@span-arts.org.uk or call 01834 869 323 to discuss in more detail.

Ysgol Y Preseli Youth Co Creation in brief

Call out for ideas to bring alive Ysgol Y Preseli's community garden in collaboration with year 8 pupils.

Call out is open from 12th December.

Tell us about your idea in whatever format best tells us your idea and send it to info@span-arts.org.uk. If you want, you can discuss your idea before applying- get in touch by emailing info@span-arts.org.uk

If your idea is selected, you will start your work with support from the SPAN team

You will keep a reflective diary of some form and play an active role in helping us understand the difference your work is making.

The project must be finished by the end of March 2023.