



**Suffolk Libraries presents:
Culture LAB: Arts in the Community**

Week-long, mixed media residency working in partnership with METAL

Monday 30 July – Friday 3 August 2018

Ipswich, Suffolk

A fee of £500 for the week (including lunch provided by Suffolk Libraries)

As part of Year 1 of the Suffolk Libraries Arts Programme, we are inviting Suffolk artists to take over the top floor of the Ipswich County Library to explore the role creativity plays as catalyst for nurturing confidence and wellbeing in young people. The residency will not only explore the role of the arts in the community but will also provide artists the opportunity to research and develop their own ideas and practice, with the opportunity to present their own concepts of a ‘blue-sky’ community programme to stakeholders and the general public.

In April 2018, Suffolk Libraries were awarded NPO status by Arts Council England. Suffolk Libraries is made up of 44 individual libraries across the county and as part of this creative process each artist will be matched with a library to explore its history and understand the landscape of its community and incorporate this narrative into their practice.

Following the residency, artists may be approached by Suffolk Libraries to be commissioned to deliver pilots of their projects from September 2018.

What the LAB will provide

- Inspiring workshops with invited guest speakers/artists
- One-to-one advice from the weeks facilitator
- Time and space to develop for artists to develop their current work or to creative new work

- Working and social time with peers for discussions and meaningful exchange of ideas and practice.
- The opportunity to visit a variety of library space (Library Safari Day)
- Opportunity to meet both the Suffolk Libraries and Metal team and create links for the future.
- The artist will have two opportunities during the week to showcase their work to the general public and to stakeholders in Suffolk Libraries and local arts organisations.

Benefits to artists

- Focused time for the development of a current/ new idea and projects
- Being in a peer environment and experiencing media outside of their current practice.
- Working collaboratively with libraries and their communities.
- Opportunities to exchange ideas, share work and feed your creativity through encountering the experience of others both in and outside the arts.
- Input of inspiring speakers and practitioners
- Two public showcases of your practice/ projects/ ideas.
- Opportunity to bid into a commissioning pot for pilot projects from September 2018 onwards with Suffolk Libraries

Criteria for Application

- This LAB is for Suffolk based artists working in any discipline (Music/ technology/ paint/ sculpture/ film making/ writing/ poetry/ theatre/ sound recording/ installations etc)
- Applicants must commit to the full weeks residency, including some evenings.
- We are looking for artists who are keen to create work in response to the place, working with communities.
- A proven commitment to their discipline, either through a portfolio of work or relevant course, qualifications or awards.
- Living and/or working regularly in Suffolk (as defined by the Suffolk county boundaries).

How to apply:

- Complete the application form, including details of what excites you about this opportunity and what you might like to explore over the duration of the week.
- An artist statement of no more than 1,000 words
- Attach a CV including any relevant weblinks to examples of your work.

Deadline for Submission

Deadline: 15th June 2018

Notification: 2nd July 2018

Applicants will be selected in accordance to how well they meet the criteria outlined above.