



Commission Opportunity for Artists...

The charity Queens Hall Arts (QHA) manages Queen's Hall Arts Centre in Hexham, Northumberland. QHA prides itself on devising and delivering a quality multi-artform programme for its community, co-creating for people of all ages and abilities to engage with culture via performances and participation. QHA is an Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisation and supports professional and aspiring artists through commissions, productions, co-productions, residencies, mentoring and other long-term support, as well as training and skills development opportunities.

Overview of the Windowful project

Windowful will light-up the market town of Hexham for the first time in winter 2024 and bring a rural community together through art and crafting.

We will invite families, community groups and individuals to create temporary window designs for our building as well as their own homes, schools and community spaces.

The result will be an illuminated winter window trail across Hexham which will be free for all to view on the weekends of 16 & 17 November and 23 & 24 November 2024. This is the first year of *Windowful* and it is hoped that it can grow into an annual event in Hexham. Through the project, the town will be transformed into a magical outdoor gallery and create a festival of light and colour.

We are looking for an artist or artists to run workshops with community groups, schools and families. The artist(s) will support people to make a giant window display at Queen's Hall and in their own schools and venues. They will also help people to think about what to design and make for their own homes.

All workshops will be free for people to attend, and we will provide materials to use and take-away to use at home.

The commission

QHA want to commission an artist to design a temporary window display to cover some

of the ground and first floor windows of Queen's Hall. The design should link to our two commissioned Christmas theatre shows; [*Jack and The Beanstalk*](#) and [*The Night Before ChrisMouse*](#). We would love to see a beanstalk growing up the windows of our building but are also open to other ideas.

Queen's Hall is a Victorian building with large front windows overlooking the street and park so the designs will be able to be viewed by many people who live in or visit the town.

The panels for the Queen's Hall windows are to be designed by the artist but developed and partly created in workshops with families and community groups. The commission will include:

- Planning and preparation dates tbc. There will be workspace available at Queen's Hall from Thursday 24 October for the artist to prepare for workshops and to store materials.
- Workshops with schools and community groups – dates and times tbc
- Drop-in workshops at Queen's Hall for families to create the designs for the Queen's Hall windows – Saturday 26 October – Thursday 31 October (excluding Sunday 27)
- The Windowful window trail will be lit across Hexham on the weekends of 16 & 17 and 23 & 24 November.

What we are looking for

We are looking for artists with experience of creating large scale artworks and of working with a variety of groups.

The artist(s) must have a current DBS check and Public Liability Insurance up to £5 million.

Fee

The fee available is up to £4,200.

This is for 14 days of work at £300 per day and is likely to breakdown as follows; Preparation days x 3, workshop days for schools x 2, workshop days for community groups x 2, public workshop days x 4, installation days x 3.

How to apply

Please email your application to Amanda Gould, Queen's Hall Engagement Manager: amanda.gould@queenshall.co.uk.

Please include the following information in your application:

- Examples of previous work and links to photos
- A description of how you will approach the project

- Contact details

Timeline

- Deadline for applications: Friday 11 October, 5pm
- Shortlisting and short online interviews: Monday 14 – Friday 18 October
- Design and preparation: Monday 21 – Friday 25 October
- Workshop delivery and installation: Saturday 26 October – Friday 15 November