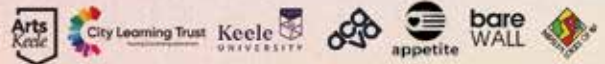


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# + THREE COUNTIES OPEN ART

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## **Three Counties Open Art 2023** **Volunteer Opportunities**

This year's Three Counties Open Art exhibition will take place again at the stunning Burslem School of Art building. The exhibition includes work from the following categories: Digital Art, Drawing, Painting, Photography, Printmaking, Sculpture and Textiles.

Three Counties Open Art volunteers play an important role in what we do by supporting the delivery of our events in Burslem during the summer. Our volunteers help our visitors have a great experience by being on hand to provide information, support and guidance and in helping us to create a brilliant exhibition by local artists for the local area.

By volunteering at the Three Counties Open Art Exhibition you will:

- Learn new skills
- Meet new people
- Gain invaluable experience on a creative project
- Develop your CV in an arts & cultural sector role
- Have lots of fun and experience amazing artwork
- Contribute towards making the Three Counties Open Art a brilliant event for the local area

And in return we will:

- Support you in your journey with us. We will make time to support you in your learning and offer you relevant training and briefing related to your role with us.
- Host volunteer social / celebration events

- Pay for travel expenses and any access costs
- Make sure we take care of you, there will be plenty of refreshments and snacks available throughout the day. If you are with us more than 4 hours we will cover lunch.
- Provide references for volunteers who are dedicated and work to the best of their abilities

## **Our Volunteering Opportunities**

### **Three Counties Open Art – Host and Invigilator**

Dates: between 27th July until 26th August (opening hours 11am – 3pm, Tuesday until Saturday).

Commitment\*: ideally at least one four-hour session per week whilst the show is open.

Role: Support the Three Counties Open team during the exhibition by welcoming guests into the space, helping people find their way around, keeping an eye on the exhibits, gathering feedback and speaking to visitors.

### **Three Counties Open Art – Install Team Member**

Dates: 21st, 22nd, 24th, 25th and 26th July 2023.

Commitment\*: ideally three days or more.

Role: support the Three Counties Open team during the exhibition set up process by helping with tasks such as painting display boards, laying out artwork, supporting to hang work in the space and exhibition signage. This would be suitable for someone who is keen to get hands on experience of setting up an exhibition and seeing what happens behind the scenes of installing an exhibition.

\*We are happy to discuss your availability to commit and aim to be flexible to support people in accessing the opportunity to volunteer.

## **More information about the event**

The Three Counties Open Art has long been supporting sharing work from artists local to the area. In 2017 the show moved from Keele University to Burslem in partnership with City Learning Trust, Barwall Art Gallery and Burslem School of Art Trust. In the summer of 2022, we opened the doors at Burslem School of Art for the first time since the pandemic to host the exhibition again in real life following two years of online exhibitions. In 2022, over 175 artists from across Staffordshire, Cheshire and Shropshire submitted work and of those 120 were selected for the show. There was a wide variety of works on display, ranging between different mediums and approaches, Drawing, Painting, Photography, Printmaking, Textiles and Sculpture. We worked with artist Harun Morrison to organise and curate the 2022 exhibition:

Morrison said "The range of formal approaches, the diversity of subject and artists themselves speaks to an abundance of visual culture in the region. I feel this is an exhibition that warrants multiple visits, that produces multiple rich meanings depending on the rooms you move from and towards."

### **Interesting facts:**

- 1020 visitors over the month-long exhibit in 2022
- Many local visitors, as well as people from Manchester, Stockport, Lincoln, and even New York and Australia
- We received 190 hand-written comments expressing audience's delight with the show
- 220 guests to Burslem School of Art for the launch event
- 120 original works of art on display: Drawing, Painting, Printmaking, Photography, Textiles and Sculpture
- 22 works from young artists
- 11 prizes awarded; 3 professional development awards
- Entry fees removed, making the exhibition more financially accessible to more artists

The Three Counties Open Art is organised in partnership with ArtsKeele at Keele University, Barewall Gallery, Burslem School of Art Trust, City Learning Trust, Appetite and ACAVA Spode Works.

Links:

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Overview: <https://www.keele.ac.uk/about/artskeele/threecountiesopenartexhibition/>

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