

# Lead Artist Facilitator opportunity.

May 2025.



**+THREE** COUNTIES  
OPEN ART  
EXHIBITION

Origami workshop 2024.  
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# Lead Artist Facilitator

We are looking to work with an artist who can help us bring to life the Three Counties Open Art Exhibition for the local community and visitors to the exhibition from other areas.

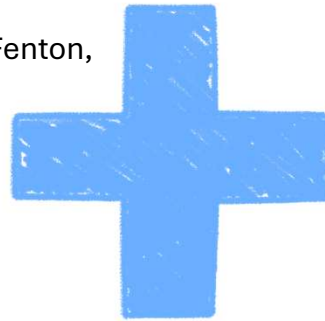
We want someone who can use their artistic abilities and their strong people skills to design, install and encourage engagement with the interactive artwork within the exhibition space through the run of the Three Counties Open Art Exhibition 2025.

**When:** This role will run throughout August 2025.

**Application Deadline:** Monday 16 June 2025.

**Where:** It will take place at Fenton Town Hall Ballroom, Fenton, Stoke-on-Trent ST4 3AF.

**Fee:** £2000 plus £500 materials budget.



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Cyanotype workshop 2024.  
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## Further detail:

### **Interactive artwork.**

We envisage a reasonably large scale, or impactful, artwork that members of the public can contribute to whilst visiting the show. We want this piece to develop through the run of the exhibition. It is important that this artwork encourages everyone to engage and is family friendly. There could be a worksheet version available for those who prefer to sit quietly and participate.

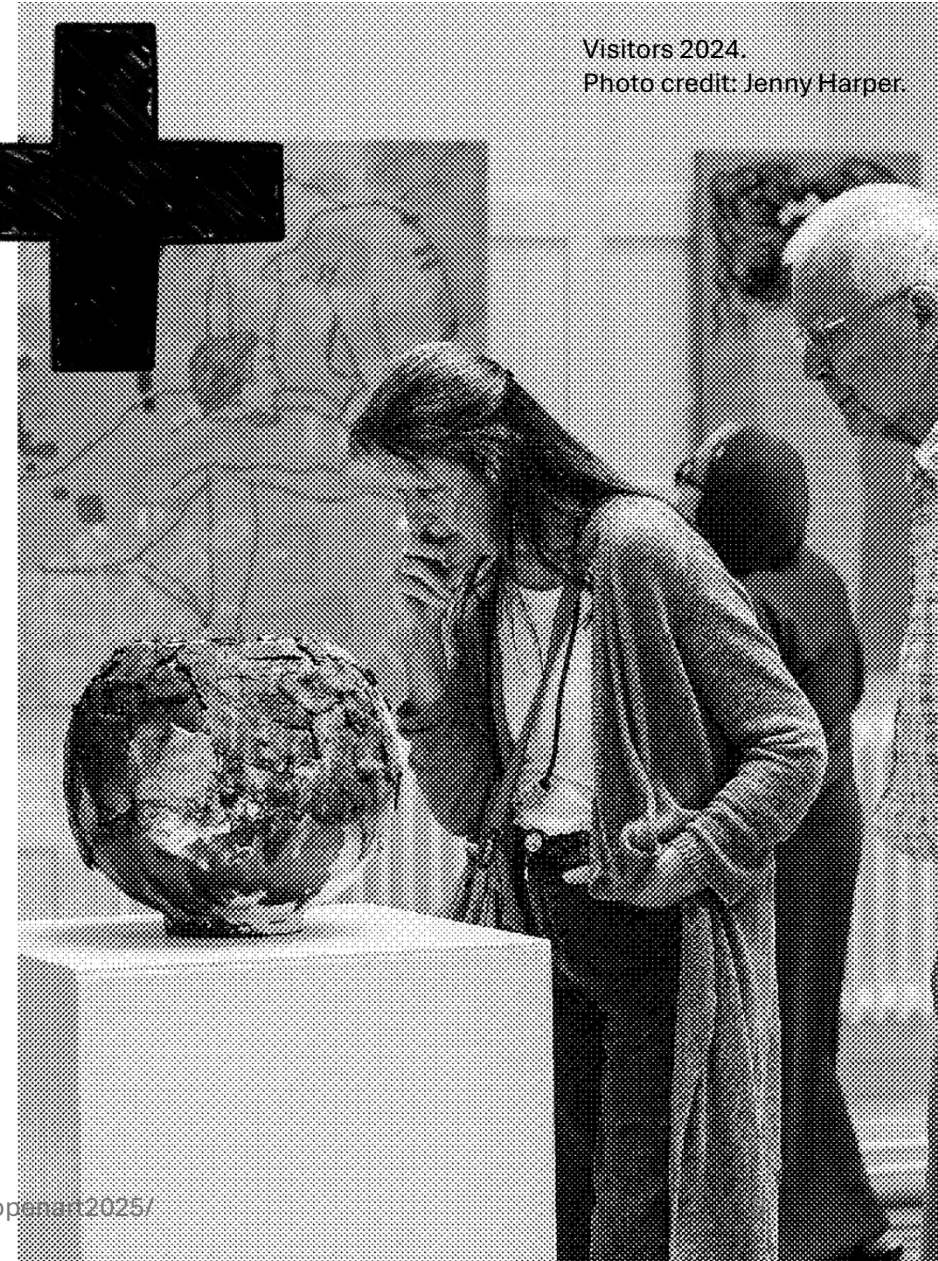
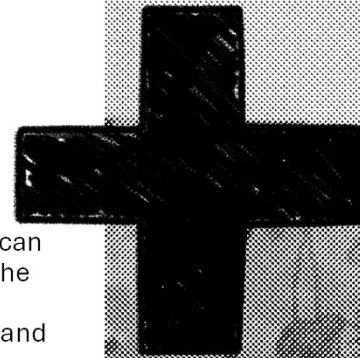
### **Audience / participants.**

Many people attending the exhibition at present are adults, we would like to work with an artist to develop a family friendly activity to take place during the exhibition run, with a creative offer suitable for families with younger children but that can also be enjoyed by all visitors to the show. You must be comfortable in working with a range of age groups and artistic ability and have availability to be onsite for one day per week to encourage engagement and help develop the piece.

### **Dates.**

The exhibition opens on Saturday 09 August and runs until Saturday 30 August. We open every week between Tuesday and Saturday, 11 am – 3pm. The artwork will be available throughout this time for people to interact with and we would like the artist to attend and facilitate at least x4 sessions during the summer, one per week. Saturday 09 August is the launch day so ideally one of these x4 sessions will be on this date.

Visitors 2024.  
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## Aims:

The objective of the interactive artwork is to encourage a wider audience to visit the show, to engage in creative activity and to celebrate the diversity of art. We want to give a lead artist a paid opportunity and a platform to engage people in more depth into their practice and projects.

We are also hopeful that both the exhibition and this exciting creative programme will encourage people to visit the area, spending time in and creating a connection with Fenton Town Hall and its significant heritage.





# How to apply:

Prepare a short, written or audio proposal (no less than one side of A4, but no more than 2 sides of A4) to be emailed to us at [arts@keele.ac.uk](mailto:arts@keele.ac.uk) no later than **Monday 16 June**.

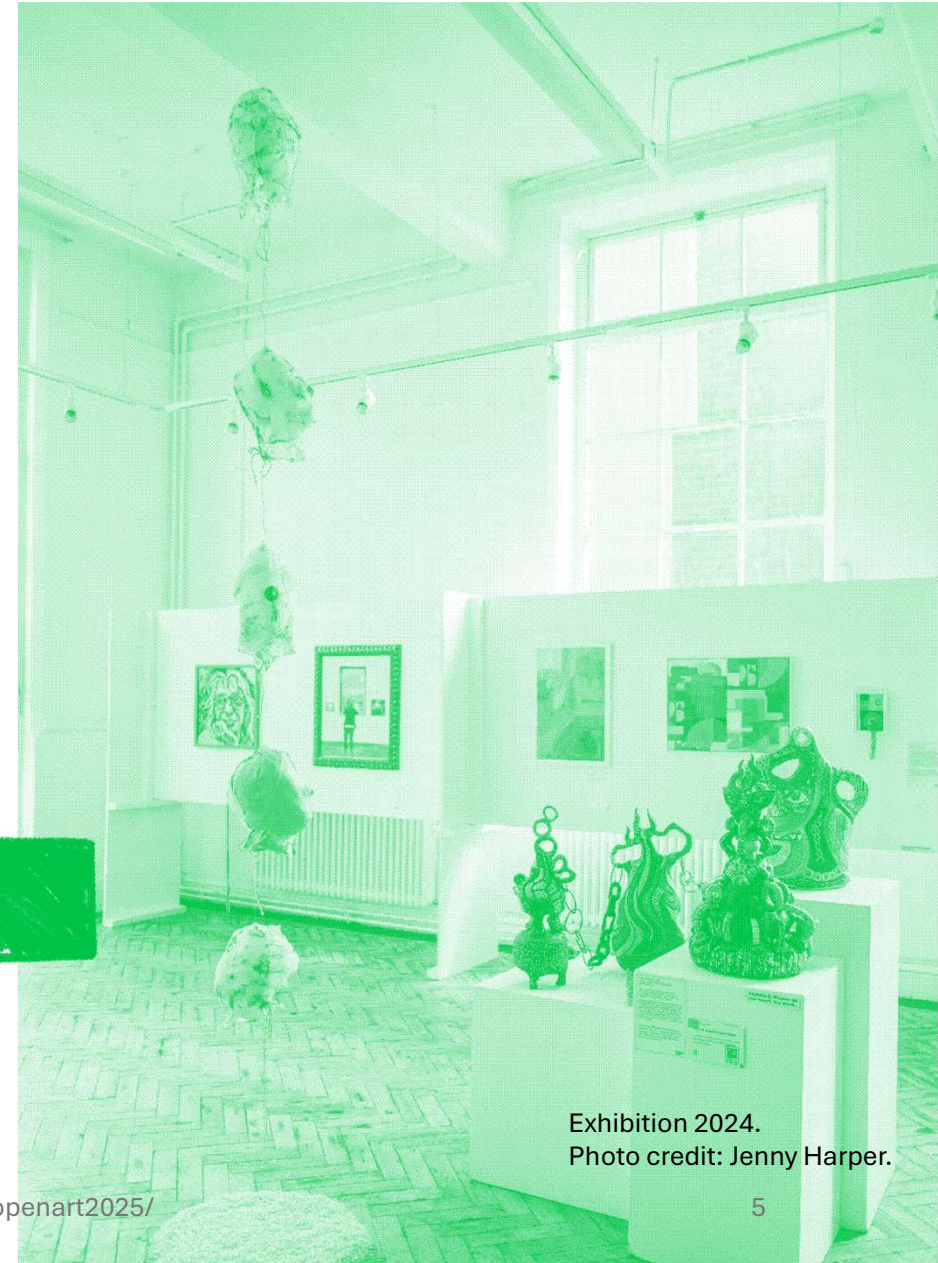
Include:

- How you feel your artistic practice and experience to date will enable you to fulfil this role.
- Some ideas as to you could facilitate participation
- What you envisage the interactive artwork being
- Include any links to view more examples of your work, for example social media or webpages

We will aim to let you know, either way, no later than Monday 30 June.



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# About the Three Counties Open Art Exhibition...



The Three Counties Open Art Exhibition is back this summer, celebrating Stoke on Trent's Centenary Year!

This year's exhibition is based within the beautiful Fenton Town Hall Ballroom in Partnership with Restoke; a stunning setting with great onsite amenities. Featuring a lovely cafe serving refreshments and light bites all made in house, this historic building has been lovingly refurbished, maintains many original features and has a special ambience!

The exhibition will once again showcase a diverse array of creative works from talented artists connected to Staffordshire, Cheshire, and Shropshire.

This open-call visual arts exhibition invites artists of all levels aged 16 and over to participate. Whether they specialize in 2D visual artwork such as painting, collage, print, and drawing, or 3D sculpture, ceramics, animation, installation art, and textiles, there is a plethora of creations!

This is a free to enter, fantastic opportunity for artists to be seen by a wide audience and be part of a vibrant artistic community. Last year around 300 artists submitted work and around 100 artworks were selected by our Selection Panel for the exhibition.

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