



Core Calls - Artist Callout

Overview:

The Core at Corby Cube are working with **Northamptonshire Community Foundation** to give freelance artists an opportunity to link up with local people to inspire and create new art work.

Core Calls was set up to ensure that people in the community and particularly those who were facing loneliness and isolation or who were without access to broadband or hardware, still had access to a friendly voice to chat about the day, their concerns and fears and indeed hopes and aspirations during lockdown. **Core Calls** is a standard analogue phone number that can be accessed by anyone with a phone.

So far, the Core Calls number has been answered by The Core's Director, **Joe Flavin**, however, we now wish to invite four artists to staff the phone line for a four week period commencing Monday 13 July until Friday 7 August. The artists would then use the material gained from their calls with local people as the basis for an artwork in their chosen discipline. This opportunity is open to artists working in any discipline. The Core will showcase the work to the wider public in an appropriate format for the proposed art form at a later date. We will consider artworks that are best displayed in either digital or analogue formats.

Brief:

We want artists to harness the stories from Northants residents from their conversations with them whilst manning the Core Calls phone line. We want the ensuing stories to then create the inspiration for a simple art work in the artists chosen discipline. Inspiration can be taken from one particular story or conversation or from all of them. The end artwork produced can be in any discipline. We will opt for a range of artists that offer diversity across art forms and are keen to work with a range of artists who are representative of the communities of Corby.

Practicalities:

- The Project will commence on Mon 13 July and will run until Fri 7 August.
- The four chosen artists will be rota'd over a 4-week period so that the phone line is staffed by artists 4 days per week for 4 weeks.
- Artists are asked to be available to accept and make calls on the phone line for 1 day per week between the hours of 12 noon to 6pm. We don't anticipate that you will spend all your time on calls, rather a handful of calls throughout the day with the rest of the time available for developing your art piece.
- It is not likely that you will receive an overwhelmingly high volume of calls throughout the day, however you will also be asked to work through a short call list of vulnerable people who have been identified as being in need of a support call or check in.
- There is one central phone number which will be set up to route to your own phone number but your personal number will never be made public. If you do not have a phone or have poor signal where you live, please let us know in your application. This would not be a reason to not consider your proposal.
- Artists will be given a safety briefing before commencing activities.
- The phone line is open to age 18 years and over.



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- Artists should be 18 years or over themselves
- Artists will each receive a fee of £600 for their involvement over the 4-week period

Eligibility:

This opportunity is open to all artists living and working in the UK. We are actively looking for artists from all back grounds and accessibility needs.

Artists must be available and willing to take calls at random on their allocated day between the hours of 12noon and 6pm.

Proposal Submission:

Please write a brief proposal (around 500 words) outlining:

- The artwork that you would propose to create and the art form that you are working in. We are aware of the time constraints on artists and are not expecting an extensive art work to be produced like a novel or full length play etc! If you're proposed artwork is a poem, song or painting that is acceptable, though we encourage you to be as imaginative as you can. We also understand that your initial idea might change as the project evolves and we are happy for you to evolve the outcome artwork accordingly.
- The kind of topics that you are interested in exploring with your callers. Callers are often shy at first so thinking about what subject matter can be used to invoke a conversation is helpful.
- A short portfolio including: a current CV, a brief artist statement about your practice and details of up to 3 past works (images, text files, social media links/recordings etc).
- Please let us know if there are any days of the week/dates that you can't do or would prefer to do in the proposal.

Please send your submission to getinvolved@thecorecorby.com.

The deadline is Friday 3 July at 4pm.

Successful applicants will be notified by end of the day on Monday 6 July.

We will endeavour to offer feedback to those who request it to unsuccessful applicants. Please state in your proposal if you wish to receive feedback or not if unsuccessful.



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