**About The Mighty Creatives**

The Mighty Creatives (TMC) was established in 2009 and is based in the heart of the cultural quarter in Leicester. It is a charity which has transformed the lives of many children and young people by supporting programmes in the arts and cultural sector. Our beneficiaries include children and young people aged 0–30 years from across the East Midlands.

The role of The Mighty Creatives is to provide and champion opportunities for our beneficiaries, particularly those who are the most disadvantaged and excluded. Our vision is of a world where all children and young people will harness the power of arts, creativity and culture in order to transform themselves, their communities and their futures.

For more than 10 years, children and young people have played a pivotal role in the charity, helping to co-design and produce strategic initiatives and partnership activity that have transformed children’s and young people’s lives. Listening and acting upon the creative voices of children and young people is at the heart of our mission, particularly those of the most excluded and disadvantaged.

Our mission is driven by six strategic objectives:

* Improving access to arts, culture and creativity.
* Raising aspirations of children and young people.
* Empowering children and young people to make positive social change.
* Advocating for the power of arts, culture and creativity.
* Increasing investment in children and young people’s arts, culture and creativity.
* Sustaining the charity’s organisational resilience to meet our vision.

To achieve our strategic objectives, we deliver the following programmes:

**Cultural Education:** supporting arts and cultural education for all children and young people.

**Creative Communities:** supporting social and artistic placemaking through the creativity of children and young people.

**Creative Mentoring:** working with young people in need who struggle to engage in education – or who are at risk of exclusion or disaffection.

**Creative Futures:** supporting young people to kick-start their creative careers with the support required to lead creative enterprises and more broadly enter the jobs market.

**Background**

The Mighty Creatives is contracted by Arts Council England to deliver a range of services as part of a network of organisations known as ‘bridges’. The Mighty Creatives is the ‘bridge’ organisation for the East Midlands. Within this range of services delivered for bridge are the development of:

* Artsmark.
* Arts Award
* Partnership Investment
* Local Cultural Education Partnerships

**The Commission**

As part of Arts Award Week 2022 and working in conjunction with our Youth Board at The Mighty Creatives, we are offering artist sessions to schools who have not engaged with Arts Award before and are based in priority areas in the East Midlands.

Following the Covid-19 emergency, we are still recovering from a period of huge change which had significant impact on schools and our regions’ children and young people. The Mighty Creatives wants to support creative activity, involving Discover Arts Award, within the Education sector in these challenging times. Creativity is essential in supporting the wellbeing and mental health of both pupils and staff and we want to help ensure the continued inclusion of arts and creativity in school.

We are looking for an artist and trained Arts Award adviser to lead the delivery of Arts Award within these schools. Working with the schools to identify their Individual needs at this present time, the artist will ensure each session is tailored to each School with a key focus on their specific school improvement priorities and curriculum focus.

You will be expected to deliver 16 days across the course of this project (see breakdown below) You will be working with 7 partner schools, working with each to create a bespoke ‘Discover in a Day’ session relevant to the school.

**Working with our Youth Board**

In September 2021, we launched recruitment for our Youth Board, a group of young people aged 16-21 who are passionate about creative industries, arts, culture and making a difference to the lives of children and young people across the East Midlands. We recruited 7 brilliant young people to join us in the fight for the creative voices of children and young people across the East Midlands and to help direct our charity, mission and programmes.

Part of this role will be working with our Youth Board to help them gain experience of working alongside schools in the delivery of arts and culture activity using Arts Award as a framework.

A member of our youth board will support you with each planning session with the schools and the subsequent preparation and delivery on the day. Part of this role will be supporting each youth board member to use their own artistic skills to support the development of the school sessions. The work created with each school will form part of our Youth Board led

exhibition taking place in September, the themes of which will be discussed and shared at a joint planning session with The Mighty Creatives in April (included in the breakdown below)

**Deliverables**

The Arts Award Artist Adviser will be responsible for:

* Meeting with each of the 7 individual schools to decide on a focus for the award, using half a day with them to discuss their current priorities and needs.
* Discuss safety measures and their current covid-19 restrictions with the partner schools and adhere to these to ensure safe delivery.
* Using half a day of your time for each school to independently plan and prepare for the delivery of the session. You will work with a member of TMC’s Youth Board to do this.
* Delivering a ‘Discover in a day’ session in each of the 7 partner schools secured by TMC, ensuring each young participant successfully completes their Discover Arts Award. You will work with a member of TMC’s Youth Board to do this.
* Marking portfolios and sending learners details to Trinity College London (it will be the responsibility of the school/partners to collect these details)
* Working closely with our 7 Youth Board members, letting them shadow and contribute to conversations, preparation and delivery of the school sessions.
* Working with members of the Youth Board to ensure their artist expertise is included within the sessions and their priority themes are considered.
* Be a representative of TMC, advocating for our organisation and what we do.
* Update TMC regularly with progress.
* Organising the dates and times of the planning sessions and delivery sessions with the lead contacts at the schools.

**Timescale**

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| **Activity** | **Date to be completed** |
| Deadline for applications | 30th March 2022 |
| School Partners Secured by TMC | End of April 2022 |
| Planning meeting with TMC, Artist and Youth Board | Mid-April 2022 |
| Planning meetings with schools x 7 | May 2022 |
| Delivery of in-school Arts Award Sessions | June/July 2022 |

**Budget**

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| **Activity** | **Budget** |
| Half-day pre meeting/planning session with each school (@£275 a day) | £963 |
| Half-day independent planning/preparation time per school | £963 |
| 1 day delivery per school | £1925 |
| 2 days portfolio marking | £550 |
| Expenses and travel | £500 |
| Total: | £4901 |

**Skills and Knowledge**

The ideal person for this role will have the following skills and knowledge. Please reference these in your application:

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| **Knowledge of the Arts and Cultural Sector** | You should evidence your skills, knowledge, experience of the arts & cultural sector, particularly of the issues relating to children and young people and cultural education. |
| **Relationship Management** | Track record of working with and within schools. |
| **Arts Award Knowledge** | Be an Arts Award Adviser. Experience of delivering Arts Award, preferably at scale. Experience of delivering Discover Arts Award with schools. |
| **Working with Young People** | Experience of working with young people, preferably young artists. Have a current DBS check. |
| **Project Management** | You should evidence your project management skills, knowledge, and experience. |

This opportunity is offered as a freelance opportunity and you will therefore be responsible for your own tax and national insurance. As this work is carried out with children or young people you will provide a copy of your safeguarding policy and DBS certificate along with two references.

The work will be undertaken in accordance with The Mighty Creatives standard contract terms and conditions and any additional agreed conditions specifically required for the delivery of this work.

**Applying for this opportunity**

If you are interested in applying, please submit a completed application form, focusing on the above provider specification. We would like to hear about examples of relevant work you have done in the past and existing relationships you have with schools and education settings. We are particularly interested in your Arts Award delivery experience to date.

**This should be sent to recruitment@themightycreatives.com by the deadline of 1pm on Wednesday 30th March 2022.**

**Equal Opportunities Form**

As part of our commitment to equal opportunities and diversity of our workforce, we would also request that you complete and return the **Equal Opportunities Form** provided with the application form.