



Open call for Life Sciences mural at Craigie Street

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In collaboration with the Stobswell Forum, The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and the Wellcome Centre for Anti-Infectives Research (WCAIR), Open Close are looking to create a mural in Craigie Street, Dundee.

We would like an artist/artists to develop a mural on the large gable end on the side of the sheltered housing complex there. The street has recently had a "pocket park" installed at the end nearest to Albert St, with planters and benches, as well as more planting being added to the wasteland that borders the car park opposite. There will also be another mural created on the smaller gable on the sheltered housing complex – the artist for this (Lauren Morsley) has already been selected. The large mural in Craigie St should complement these; we would also like the design to be bright, welcoming, and colourful. It should also reflect the work which takes in the Wellcome Centre for Anti-Infectives Research at the University of Dundee. This includes work with medicine, treatment of tropical diseases, parasites and DNA – see additional sheet for more information and inspiration, and here for examples of past projects: <https://wcair.dundee.ac.uk/public-engagement/science-art/>. We encourage artists to respond creatively within this brief.

How to apply

We would like interested artists to provide:

- A rough sketch of what they would create
- A few sentences/paragraph explaining the thinking behind their design(s)
- Examples of previous relevant work/link to portfolio
- Contact details
- Additional support needs, if relevant

See "Wall info" below for more info; artists are free to submit up to 3 ideas.

We recognise that submitting a proposal for work is often very competitive and as such, artists often submit very detailed proposals – essentially unpaid work, if the proposal is not selected. Therefore, we would like proposals to be quite simple (as outlined above). From these, we will select a shortlist of artists who we will pay £200 each to fully develop their proposals – these will include more detailed plans, budget etc. Final candidates will then be selected from these.

We welcome submissions from both individuals as well as collaborative groups of artists. Please note that artists must have public liability insurance (including for working at up to a height of 18m) as well as appropriate licenses for lifts, if required. Any successful artists who require additional support to install their work will be accommodated. If you require this, please state so in your application.

Due to the nature of funding identified, the work would commence in Summer 2022, although this will be dependent on weather and Covid-19 restrictions.

Please send submissions to openclosedundee@gmail.com by midnight on the night of Friday 25th February 2022. Please feel free to send any questions to this email address as well.

Wall info

6m wide x 18m high (at apex). 100m² raw (unpainted) breezeblock surface.

We will have either scaffold or a lift installed for you to paint - please let us know your preference in your application. This cost is outwith the budget below so no need for you to budget it in.

Budget: £5300 for artist time and materials. This will be paid in two instalments, a 50% advance and 50% upon completion.



Craigie Street has a new pocket park, and will have another mural (to be installed by Lauren Morsley) at the smaller gable end on the sheltered housing project. See below pictures of these for context; applications should take this context into account



Smaller gable end on sheltered housing complex



Planned nearby mural by Lauren Morsley (on smaller gable end)



Pocket park at western end of Craigie Street