



Rural Arts

JOB DESCRIPTION	
Job Title	Multi-disciplinary Community Artist
Location	Across North Yorkshire
Responsible to	Creative Producer (Visual Arts)
Hours of work	Flexible, freelance

About Rural Arts

Rural Arts is a registered charity that delivers inspiring and inclusive creative opportunities that enrich lives and connect communities. Working across 3,500 square miles of England's largest county, our vision is creativity at the heart of every community in North Yorkshire.

We provide over 400 events and activities each year at The Courthouse, North Yorkshire's only professionally-run cross-discipline arts centre, which is also home to an award-winning café, an artisan shop and rooms to hire. We programme 70 professional performances per year in rural venues and lead a range of wellbeing and employment programmes to support vulnerable people. Rural Arts was founded in 1993 and is an Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisation.

About the Opportunity

Rural Arts is looking to expand its pool of freelance multi-disciplinary visual arts practitioners to support us to deliver workshops in community settings across North Yorkshire.

We have a range of outreach projects, which provide free activities to older people, children and young people, disabled people, unemployed people, people with mental health conditions, refugees and those living with dementia. We also run a range of workshops for paying customers at our base, The Courthouse, in Thirsk.

Key duties and responsibilities

- Designing and delivering participatory arts workshops for a range of audiences, including older, younger and vulnerable people
- Engaging in evaluation and monitoring for the workshops you deliver

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- Upholding all best practices and Rural Arts' procedures in relation to the workshops you deliver, in particular safeguarding

Additional duties and responsibilities

The following commitments are required of all Rural Arts' staff and freelancers:

- Adhering to all Rural Arts' other policies and procedures
- Actively promoting the aims of Rural Arts and contribute to their overall achievement through its business objectives

Person specification

Essential

- A range of skills and techniques in differing visual art forms, including a majority or all of the below:
 - drawing, painting, textiles, ceramics, printmaking
- Significant experience designing and delivering visual arts workshops, evidenced through qualifications or experience
- Ability to travel across North Yorkshire to deliver workshops
 - Recognising the county's limited public transport infrastructure, we anticipate this including a full valid UK driving license and access to your own transport

Desirable

- Experience delivering arts workshops in community settings with a range of audiences, including vulnerable adults and children and young people
- Experience engaging in evaluation and monitoring processes for visual arts workshops in community settings
- A current enhanced DBS certificate

To apply

Please fill in the form linked below to complete your application.

<https://forms.office.com/r/e3LpL97PDL>

We would like to hear from you by **Sunday 24th April, 6pm.**

We will acknowledge all applications once the deadline has passed, and expect to arrange interviews with a number of applicants along a timeline that works for both Rural Arts and the individuals in question.

Equal Opportunities

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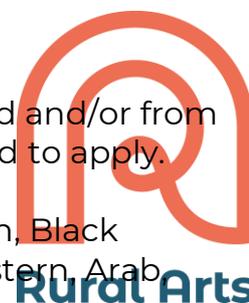


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Rural Arts strives to champion diversity in all its forms.

People from the global majority*, who are LGBTQIA+, disabled and/or from low socio-economic backgrounds are particularly encouraged to apply.

*This includes, but is not limited to, people of Black Caribbean, Black African, South Asian, East Asian, South East Asian, Middle Eastern, Arab, Latinx, Jewish, Romany and Irish Traveller heritage.



People from these groups are currently under-represented within North Yorkshire's arts and voluntary sector, and Rural Arts is committed to challenging and changing this.

We are also particularly keen to hear from people who have lived experience of or affinity with rurality, rural isolation and/or the work we do to enrich lives and connect communities.

Accessibility

If you require this information - or to make an application - in an alternative format, please contact Angela Holt on angelaholt@ruralarts.org or 01845 526 536.

You can access an audio recording of this pack by clicking [here](#).

You are encouraged to share any access requirements you may have at the interview stage in the covering email/letter of your application. The majority of interviews will take place via Microsoft Teams.

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