

# Young People's Voices: Families Get Creative

## January 2025 Call Out for Artists and Creative Practitioners in any medium



### WHAT?

Aneurin Bevan UHB Arts In Health, CAMHS and Child & Family Psychology teams are looking for artists to engage with young people and families as part of their Arts & Minds, Arts Council of Wales & Baring Foundation-funded project 2025–26, **Young People's Voices**.

### WHY?

Through our **Families Get Creative Pop-Up events**, we would like to engage a broad range of artists to deliver creative engagement workshops in community / arts venues. Young people (13–17 years), receiving mental health support from ABUHB, along with family members / carers, will be invited to join creative workshops designed to explore their stories and capture their voices to inform service innovation.

We want to use creativity as a playful means of engaging with - and learning from - our families, while offering additional mechanisms and connections to help navigate mental health challenges together as a family.

### HOW?

Artists will be required to provide pop-up creative engagement / workshop activity, for invited families, for up to 2 hours per session. Workshops will be responsive and flexible, providing suitable ways for families to access together or as individuals. Artists will be required to share key learning / themes emerging from the work.

### WHERE?

1 event will take place in each area of the ABUHB region: Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Monmouthshire, Newport and Torfaen.

### WHEN?

February - March 2025: Application & artist engagement process

April - October 2025: Delivery during school holidays / weekends where possible. Sharing of key themes and findings.

November 2025: Project evaluation completed

### FEE:

**1 delivery day available per site**, plus paid planning and reflection/ evaluation time to be agreed.

Competitive daily arts practitioner rate; reflecting skill, experience and project requirements e.g. £175-£275 depending on experience. Resources for the project are in addition to this fee.

**DEADLINE:** Applications to be received by midday **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025**

**HOW TO APPLY:** Please send the following by email\* to: [ABB.ArtsinHealth@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:ABB.ArtsinHealth@wales.nhs.uk)

- A brief letter of introduction (500 words max)
- Your response to the brief (Written: 750 words / 2 pages A4 max OR Video format if preferred: max 5 mins)
  - Tell us more about how you would engage with Young People and families who are using Mental Health Services, and using what medium(s) and approaches?
  - How would you ensure that your work is accessible, engaging, and encourages young people and families to explore their stories and experiences safely?
  - Describe the proposed workshop outcomes and how the Families' key themes and stories will be explored and recorded for sharing within the project.
- Your CV highlighting your previous work in this area and any examples of or links to work co-produced with young people which you are able to share.

### Please also outline:

- Your known availability, preferred days / dates during school holidays and weekends.
- Your DBS status and evidence of Public Liability Insurance
- We encourage artists who are under-represented within the arts to apply. This includes artists with disabilities or long-term health conditions, neurodivergent artists, artists from low-income backgrounds, LGBTQIA+ artists and artists from the Global Majority. Proposals from Welsh speaking artists are welcomed.

Should you have any access requirements that we should be aware of, in terms of making an initial application and/or attending an interview, please do not hesitate to contact us.

**\*Please Note:** All attached files must be **.pdf, .docx, .jpg or .png**. For other formats, or links to online cloud drives, please contact us ahead of the submission deadline. We have a security firewall that can prevent things arriving with us as intended, so if in doubt, please contact us.

#### WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

All applicants will be contacted after the deadline. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to interview on **11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> March** at a mutually convenient time to be agreed.

If you would like further information, please contact: [ABB.ArtsinHealth@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:ABB.ArtsinHealth@wales.nhs.uk) or call: Claire Turner 07989 140462, or Sarah Goodey 07976 375781.

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