

Young People's Voices: Waiting Spaces

January 2025

Call Out for Artists and Creative Practitioners (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?

We would like to establish a broad range of Artists in residence in a number of waiting spaces visited by young people (13–17 years), and their families and carers during their treatment with ABUHB.

We want to use creativity to enhance these spaces; finding playful ways to explore **Young People's Voices**, their experiences and their stories. Our **Youth Participation Panel** have expressed that they would like to see young people reflected in these spaces, connecting with and encouraging each other.

Artists will be required to engage with families, and to explore creativity as a means of improving both the waiting spaces and waiting process.

HOW?

Artists in residence will focus their work on regular opportunities to engage with families within the waiting spaces over a period of 6–8 months (dates and details to be agreed). Regular engagement may result in artistic outputs that remain in the spaces. Artists will be required to create their own response to the work, sharing key themes and observations from their residency.

WHERE?

2 x waiting spaces are within the St Cadoc's Hospital Site in Caerleon, Newport.

1 x waiting space to focus on Young People with additional needs, Newport

1 x residency with the **Youth Participation Panel** meeting at St Cadoc's, Caerleon (but not limited to)

WHEN?

January-February 2025: Application & artist engagement process

March–October 2025: Delivery (dates and details to be discussed)

November 2025: Presentation of findings and evaluation process

FEE:

8 days available per site, according to project need. 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 **12pm Friday 21st February 2025**

HOW TO APPLY: Please send the following by email* to: ABB.ArtsinHealth@wales.nhs.uk

- A brief letter of introduction (500 words max)
- Your response to the brief (written or video format 5mins max):
 - ❖ 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 go about making sure your work is accessible, engaging, and encourages young people to explore their stories and experiences safely?
- ❖ How would you ensure the effective co-production of creative outcomes which may remain in the waiting spaces?
(Written: 750 words / 2 pages A4 max OR Video format if preferred: max 5 mins)

- 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 availability (days per week) available during the timeframe described.
- 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 in person and in situ on Monday 3rd March 2025

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

This project is supported by ABUHB, Arts Council of Wales & Baring Foundation

