

FLOURISH 08

help for those who want to apply and application form

Flourish – showcasing artworks by looked-after children and young people

Flourish is looking for submissions for a brand new exhibition to be held in Liverpool in October 2008. This will be the third annual exhibition of artwork by looked-after children and young people from around the country. Artists showing work in the past have encountered a broad range of care, having experienced adoption, secure accommodation, fostering, care for special needs or being looked after by a family member other than their parents.

Flourish provides opportunities for artists to share their practices with the public and each other, with an emphasis on expressing what matters to them most. There are chances for them to speak to visitors about their artwork, receiving valuable feedback and encouragement. It is not a competition, but a campaign to promote the talent of these artists.

“Too often do we hear negative reports surrounding children and young people who have been “looked after”, this exhibition offers the public a glimpse beyond statistics; to witness how art can create positive means of expression no matter what an individual’s background may be.” **Amanda Murphy**, Flourish Board, Flourish Artist 2006

As Flourish develops, opportunities will emerge for the artists to become involved in the organisation and planning of events. It is hoped that Flourish will continue to reflect the breadth of artistic activity being undertaken by looked-after young people in the UK.

Flourish was initiated by Newham Children and Young People’s Services, London and is kindly sponsored by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

Selection

We are looking for artworks for an exhibition to be held in Liverpool in October 2008, to coincide with the Association of Directors of Social Services Conference.

Flourish will consider work in any medium – surprise us! This could include painting, sculpture, photography, performances, moving image, poetry and prose or digital projects. Selection will be based on existing work only (not work planned for the future).

You may submit up to five separate works per person. There is no restriction on the number of people who can apply from a given area or group.

Submission

First, we would like to see images or other documentation of your work rather than the actual pieces, along with a completed application form. Please take your time when completing this form - many exhibition applications follow similar formats and any practice you can get will be useful in the future. The quality of the images (or other description) you send of your work will be all we can go by at application stage, so make them as clear as possible.

Email: Attach jpegs, pdfs or word documents that describe your submission, along with a completed application form.

You can fill the application form out in Word and send it as an attachment. Email applications should be sent to **info@flourish-art.org**

Post: Send to: ‘Flourish’, FAO Sandra Brown, Broadway House, 322 High Street, Stratford, London E15 1AJ.

Digital submissions should be Mac compatible. Any technology-based projects need to describe the equipment required for the presentation of the work

Deadline for sending images is Friday 27 June 2008

Actual work will be requested from the selected artists by Friday 15 August 2008

W: **www.flourish-art.org** E: **info@flourish-art.org**

application form

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Full Name of Applicant

Date of Birth

Address for Correspondence

Term Address (if different)

Telephone

Email Address

Title of Work 1

Date

Media used

Dimensions

Title of Work 2

Date

Media used

Dimensions

Title of Work 3

Date

Media used

Dimensions

(Please use a separate sheet if you have more artworks than this)

Please describe how you would like to present your work for exhibition.

Artist's Statement – we will use this to put together your biography for the exhibition and catalogue.

Please tell us about yourself

What inspires you to make your work?

I declare that the information given on this submission form is accurate and I am happy for images of my work to be used in promotion for Flourish

Signature

Date

(If applicant is under the age of 16, a carer or guardian must fill in the details below)

I declare that the information given on this submission form is accurate

Full Name

Relation to applicant

Telephone

Email

Signature

Date

Please note that London Borough of Newham and their partners cannot be held responsible for lost or damaged submissions. Please ensure adequate postage and wrapping for the return of material and indicate any specific requirements for sending it.