

## **Your museum, your story, your future**

### **1. Aims of the project:**

- To create a broad and inclusive community engagement project in collaboration with The Priest's House Museum Trust, East Dorset District Council, The Heritage Lottery Fund and Castle Cameras and young people living within East Dorset.
- To engage young people with the material culture and historical environment of East Dorset and explore how the past inspires their future.
- To examine young people's varying visions of the legacy of the past and of the community in which they live through the medium of visual arts.
- To champion the artistic talent of young people living within the East Dorset District.
- To showcase the chosen works of art on site hoardings around the Priest's House Museum whilst it is closed for refurbishment (May 2019 to January 2020).

### **2. Outline of the project:**

The Priest's House Museum Trust is calling all budding young local graphic designers, illustrators, painters, sculptors, poets, writers and photographers and asking them to submit a piece of art that sums up their place within, or vision of, their local community and heritage. The project is designed to develop pieces of art work to display on hoardings that will protect the museum building when it is refurbished. Site boards will be produced that show the chosen pieces with information about the winners.

In addition, the original pieces of work will form a touring exhibition that will be placed in key areas of the District. This exhibition will form the embodiment of local young people's vision of their heritage, community and future. The winning pieces will be used to make boards and the art work itself will be exhibited in the travelling exhibition.

The winning entries and other selected pieces will be added to the museum's contemporary life collection for posterity, to enable future generations to understand how people lived in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

#### **'The Theme'**

Your artwork can explore a number of themes, including:

- What living in East Dorset's heritage means to you?
- What inspires you from the past?
- What, from local history, inspires you?
- What, from today, do you think will inspire young people in the future?
- What will your museum of the future look like?

The art work can be produced in the following mediums in your choice of texture, colour or black and white:

- Painting
- Drawing
- Photography
- Creative writing/poetry

- Sculpture
- Textiles

Or a mixture of any of the above.

Inspiration can be taken from:

- The locality
- Family stories
- Objects
- Historic monuments
- Contemporary life vs past life within East Dorset
- Emotions arising from community life, locality, history etc.

### **3. Project outcomes:**

- A contemporary record of how young people view heritage in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
- An opportunity to showcase the creative young talent that exists in our region.

### **4. Rules and regulations:**

Category 1: Ages 8 - 13

Category 2: Ages 14 - 18

- The competition is free to enter and is open to all East Dorset residents aged between 8 and 18.
- One piece of work can be submitted per entrant in their category and can be created using any of, or a mixture of, the specified mediums.
- One winner will be chosen from each category and the judges' decision will be final.
- The winners must be prepared to be available for interview and publicity and have their photograph taken with their piece.
- Entries can be made by an individual, group, school and organisation. More than one entry per organisation, school and group will be permitted. Individuals may only submit one entry.
- The artwork must be original.
- The winning entries and other selected pieces will be added to the museum's contemporary life collection for posterity.
- The Priest's House Museum Trust will contact unsuccessful applicants to arrange for artwork to be returned.
- The closing date for submission of art work is 4pm on Friday 22 February 2019.
- If the entrant is under 16 years of age, permission will be sought from a parent or guardian.

### **6. How to enter:**

Complete an application form (available online or through the museum) and attach it to your work. All art work must be accompanied with an application form. All work must be submitted to the East Dorset Tourist Information Centre, High Street, Wimborne.

**7. Further information:**

Winners will be invited to a ceremony held at the Priest's House Museum in March 2019 (date to be confirmed) when their work will be unveiled and subsequently displayed on site hoardings for all to see.

This competition represents an exciting opportunity for local young people to demonstrate their artistic talents while creating a piece of history for future generations. So, pick up those pencils, brushes and cameras and capture what inspires you about your locality.