

Creu Conwy Cymunedol - Artist Call Out

About the project

Creu Conwy Cymunedol is a new community arts project that aims to support wellbeing through access to creative opportunities. The project is funded through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and will be delivered as part of Creu Conwy, Creating the Spark, a Cultural Strategy for Conwy County 2021-2028 and Conwy Libraries and Information Strategy 2021- 2026.

The project will take place between January 2024 and October 2024, and will offer person led, facilitated creative opportunities in accessible community venues. The project will work alongside Amdani! Conwy ([Conwy Culture | Amdani! Conwy](#)) to provide inclusive and accessible opportunities for volunteers to assist the programme where appropriate.

The sessions will link with community initiatives such as [Warm Hubs](#) and seek to:

- Remove socio-economic barriers to cultural participation
- Support the wellbeing of people impacted by the economic crisis
- Reduce loneliness and social isolation
- Strengthen Community Cohesion
- Support access to services - removing the stigma by encouraging engagement in creative and positive opportunities
- Provide creative volunteering opportunities to support wellbeing

The Requirements

We are seeking expressions of interest from arts facilitators who are experienced in working Inclusively in a wide range of community settings with people of different abilities and communication needs.

Creative practitioners working with us will demonstrate the following skills and experience:

- Experience of facilitating creative workshops in community settings
- Experience of working with vulnerable people with additional needs (i.e. people experiencing mild to moderate mental health challenges / people with learning disabilities) in community settings
- Awareness and understanding of working in an inclusive way with diverse communities
- Experience of working in a person led way and encouraging people to explore their creativity
- Able to be adaptable and flexible i.e working in drop in environment with people of different levels of ability
- Sensitivity to the needs of different participants and willingness to work flexibly to enable them to engage on a level and in a format that they are comfortable with
- Excellent communication skills
- Experience of working with bilingual communities is desirable
- Experience of working with volunteers
- Experience of intergenerational working
- Familiar with Safeguarding procedures and willing to work in accordance with CCBC's [Safeguarding Policy](#)
- Understanding of GDPR and able to manage personal data appropriately

- Knowledge and understanding of Welsh language and culture to include awareness of CCBC's Welsh language standards (<https://www.conwy.gov.uk/en/Council/Welsh-Language-Standards.aspx>)

Outputs

- Plan and deliver blocks of 8 x 2 hour long supported creative sessions (it may be possible to agree additional sessions depending upon the availability of candidates and their preferred approach to the brief).
- Display / temporary installation of the work produced
- Support project teams with any required data collection and provide information for reporting to funders

Outcomes

- An increase in access to cultural and creative opportunities
- Reduced social isolation and increased personal and community wellbeing

Locations

Locations will include a range of community and supported settings around the County of Conwy such as family centres, learning disability centres and a range of cultural venues.

Budget

The budget for 8 sessions is £1600. Your quote should be inclusive of all materials and all costs except VAT (if applicable). In response to identified need and upon agreement, additional sessions may be agreed at rate of £200 per session.

To express an interest

To be considered for this opportunity using no more than 1 side of A4 please provide your contact details and respond to the below questions:

- 1) Please give recent examples of community arts sessions that you have facilitated – what went well and what were the challenges?
- 2) Please provide an outline proposal of how you would approach these community sessions. Please include: art form(s), materials that you would use and what would be produced / displayed at the end?
- 3) Please share your understanding and experience of Welsh culture and working in bilingual settings. Please indicate if you are happy to facilitate sessions through the medium of Welsh?
- 4) Please provide 2 references from recent contracts - which are relevant to the requirements of this opportunity.

Please submit your expression of interest in PDF or Word document format by email to – creu@conwy.gov.uk by midday on 22/01/24.

Additional information

[Creu Conwy – Cultural Strategy for Conwy County Borough 2021-2026](#)
[Conwy Library & Information Strategy 2021-2026](#)