



Union Chain Bridge Participatory Art Project Creative Brief

Purpose

The Union Chain Bridge project seek a creative practitioner experienced in educational facilitation to lead on three 3-day workshops with 12 and 13-year-olds to produce literary artworks relating to the social and political context of Union Chain bridge, its engineering, border identities, and/or local communities.

The Union Chain Bridge project

Union Chain Bridge: *Crossing Borders, Inspiring Communities* is an ambitious project involving the conservation of the historically and internationally significant Union Chain Bridge, and an extensive programme of public engagement. The project is a partnership between Northumberland County Council, Scottish Borders Council, Museums Northumberland and the Friends of the Union Chain Bridge. In this partnership, Museums Northumberland is responsible for the delivery of all heritage learning and engagement activities, which includes the delivery of an extensive learning programme with schools.

The brief

We would like to engage a creative practitioner to devise and deliver a participatory project that allows secondary school students to explore themes surrounding the Union Chain Bridge in a creative way.

The project will engage with 12 and 13-year-old pupils at three secondary schools in Berwickshire and Northumberland in order to create paper-based artworks that tell a range of different stories relating to the social and political context of Union Chain bridge, its engineering, border identities, and/or local communities. The creative practitioner will work alongside students to explore these themes and to work with them to develop a creative response.

The results will be printed as zines, art books, graphic novel, comic book or similar, depending on the selected practitioners practice or through input from participants.

You will work closely with, respond to, and collaborate with the pupils in each school, as a facilitator and coach. As this is a pupil-centred project, you will need previous experience of supporting and developing pupils' creative processes as a facilitator.

After the workshop, the resultant artworks will be distributed to younger local pupils to use as an educational resource and some copies will be stored in the Union Chain Bridge project archive.

Deliverables:

- Development of a project plan working alongside UCB Learning and Outreach Officers.
- Delivery of three workshop sessions in three different partner schools in Berwickshire and Northumberland.
- Production of print-ready creative responses from each of the three schools.

Fee

The budget available for this commission is £3,750 (ex. Vat) inclusive of all artists fees and expenses associated with the project. There is an additional budget of £3,000 managed by Museums Northumberland, to cover equipment, materials and printing costs.

Key dates:

Closing date for applications	Sunday 5 th December 2021
Artist appointment	w/c Monday 6 th December 2021
Project Development	January 2022
Project Delivery (9 days in school)	The summer term (April – July 2022)
Launch and promotion of project outputs/outcomes	The end of the summer school term 2022

Recruitment and timetabling of school engagement will take place following the project development stage. There will therefore be a gap in-between Project Development and Project Delivery.

Submissions:

If you have any questions about the commission, please contact Becki Cooper, Learning and Outreach Officer, by email rcooper@museumsnorthumberland.org.uk.

When you are ready to apply, please send an application that includes your approach to the brief, your experience working with children and young people, more detail about your creative practice, and a breakdown of your professional fees for the project.

Selection criteria:

- Quality of approach to the brief
- Artistic experience and examples of previous work
- Experience of working with children and young people
- Relevance of proposal to the heritage of the Union Chain Bridge
- Ability to meet the timescale provided in 'Key dates'

Applications must be received by 11:59pm on Sunday 5th December 2021.

Useful information

<http://unionchainbridge.org/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FPMxDECh6ow>

<https://www.pavementlicker.com/zine>

<https://appliedcomicsetc.com/portfolio/cholera/>

<https://www.cartoonstudies.org/teachingcomics/>

<https://www.cultofpedagogy.com/student-graphic-novels/>

<https://www.jstor.org/stable/40012828>

<https://www.nottinghampost.com/news/nottingham-news/students-create-comic-books-life-3588502>