



At Gallery Oldham and Oldham Arts Development we're excited by young people's take on the art world, we want to create opportunities for discussion, development, experimentation, testing and making mistakes.

Covid-19 has had a huge impact on the world around us, but especially on life for under 25's. In response to the pandemic we are releasing our first round of micro-commissions designed for 17 – 25 year olds living across any of the Oldham boroughs. As part of NEXTWAVEARTS, 10 young people will be selected to win a small pot of funding to create a new piece of art, there will be mentoring Q&A opportunities and we will digitally showcase the artists work via Gallery Oldham's social media accounts and website.

We have ten small pots available, four at £50 and six at £25. We want you to create a new piece of work inspired by Gallery Oldham's art collection. This can be in any format from Dance to Fine Art, Digital to Music; we're interested in seeing how our collections inspire new generations of artists in Oldham.

To apply for one of the commissions we want to hear your idea – this can be in writing (a one-page document) or a film up to 5 minutes long. It should include:

- Which artwork(s) have you been inspired by?
- Why it has inspired you?
- What art form would you like to respond in (Dance, Music, Drama, Art and Design etc.)

We would also like to see some examples of your previous work please include a maximum of five images (or short videos) with your application. Or a link to your website, social media pages if they contain your work.

We do NOT expect your ideas to be completely formed just yet, we're happy with an outline of what you would like to achieve or ideas you would like to explore. Each submission will be judged by a panel of young artists and staff from Gallery Oldham.

Deadline:

Applications must be received by 5pm Sunday 26th July

30th July – Winners announced

First week of September – Deadline for the finished piece.

You can find Gallery Oldham's Art Collection online by visiting:

<https://artuk.org/visit/venues/gallery-oldham-4260>

Back in 2017 poet Rowan McCabe was commissioned by Art UK to create an artwork inspired by the art collection; you can see his response here:

<https://artuk.org/discover/stories/art-speaks-rowan-mccabe>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vI2FaQ9bkE8>

NEXTWAVEARTS is a programme open to **ALL** young people in Oldham to apply for. We are particularly interested in hearing from young people who identify as LGBTQIA+; who are People of Colour; Disabled; who have mental health needs etc.

We welcome proposals from young people facing additional barriers in their work.

To be eligible you must:

Be aged 17 - 25

Have a UK bank account

Have an email address

Be currently based in one of the Oldham boroughs

If you would like more information, to discuss an idea, to find out more about an artwork or artist or anything else please get in touch:

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