



Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site Artist Commission

Pop up event at Cromford Mills' Gothic Warehouse

As part of Discovery Days Festival 2019

Birdswood Artist Commission Opportunity

Location: Birdswood Canal Boat moored at Cromford Canal Basin

Event Date: 3.30-6.30pm Friday 1st November 2019

Who: Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site and Beam in partnership with Friends of Cromford Canal

Project bursary (to include fee and materials): £750

We are interested to hear from artists and creative practitioners with a strong connection to the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site area and who have project ideas that could animate the Birdswood Canal Boat. The boat will be located at Cromford Canal Basin for a one off pop-up event, as part of the Discovery Days Festival. The aim of the project is to explore creative ways of using the Birdswood and engage new audiences in the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site.

Proposed art forms could include (but are not limited to): light, installation, performance, music, sound or work which is interactive or uses new technologies.

It is essential that:

- the content of the work responds to the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site
- proposals take the logistics of the site in consideration ie. The Birdswood boat moored next to the Gothic Warehouse
- the project is 'pop-up' and animates the space in an innovative way
- the project is appropriate for a range of audiences

Submission Details

Please send expressions of interest to yvonne@beam.uk.net enclosed in one pdf, covering the following:

- Name, email and telephone number
- 300 words describing how you would respond to the Birdswood boat and the heritage of the DVMWHS
- Details of your connection to the Derwent Valley Mills area
- A brief breakdown of costs for the project within the £750 budget (fee, materials, equipment etc)
- Overview of your interests/practice or a CV and a small selection of relevant images of previous work.
- Any visuals that could provide us with an insight into your proposed work plus any relevant web links - please limit size of pdf to no more than 3MB.

Deadline for expressions of interest is 12noon 8th July- 2019 and all applicants will be contacted before the 15th July 2019.

About Birdswood

Birdswood is the historical narrow boat belonging to [The Friends of Cromford Canal](#). The boat and our gift shop are run entirely by our dedicated team of volunteers. Birdswood runs [scheduled trips](#) throughout the year, open to members of the public. Our exclusive charters make a personal venue for your private function. Come and enjoy a peaceful journey along the Cromford Canal and get up close to the fabulous wildlife and take in the amazing scenery.

About Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site

The Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site is a place that changed the world. It is a place where the dramatic power of the landscape was harnessed through human ingenuity, leading to industrial developments that revolutionised the way people worked and lived. Derwent Valley Mills was inscribed a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2001.

Arts organisation Beam have been appointed as Creative Producer to lead on a contemporary arts programme as part of the DVMWHS Great Place programme.

The activities are funded as a Great Place Scheme, a partnership between the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), Arts Council England and supported by Historic England. The Great Place Scheme is designed to pilot new approaches that enable cultural and community groups to work more closely together and to place heritage at the heart of communities. Running between 2017 and 2020, the activities are the next step in engaging people with the uniqueness of the Derwent Valley. The industrial heritage of innovation and making will inspire arts activities for people to connect and communicate with the culture and heritage at the heart of the World Heritage Site.

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