



Alternative Visions: Undiscovered Art from the South West

Deadline for submissions is

Friday 4 November 2016

Outside In, Arts & Health South West (AHSW) and Bristol Museum & Art Gallery are working in partnership on a new touring exhibition, 'Alternative Visions: Undiscovered Art from the South West.' Submissions are open for artists, who align themselves with Outside In's ethos, to enter work for possible inclusion in the show.

The project is happening thanks to a successful Arts Council England Strategic Touring Programme bid, which will enable the organisation and production of a touring exhibition of work by artists who feel excluded from the mainstream art world due to health, disability, social circumstance or isolation.

The exhibition will tour to four partner museums in the South West: Bristol Museum & Art Gallery, Falmouth Art Gallery, Poole Museum, and The Wilson in Cheltenham.

Artists who live in the South West will need to register on the Outside In website to create an online gallery. Artists are then able to submit two pieces of work for possible inclusion in the show. Anyone requiring assistance with setting up an online gallery can contact Outside In directly to receive support.

The touring exhibition will be accompanied by interpretation and educational activities, including a film, audio tour and additional interpretation from participants of Artists First; a group of learning disabled visual artists based in Bristol.



Bristol Museum & Art Gallery say: *"We are really excited to be part of Alternative Visions as we want to challenge visitors' understanding of what art is and who artists are. Through our involvement in the project we'll be encouraging people to visit Bristol Museum & Art Gallery who have not been before, so we can show that the museum is for everyone."*

Poole Museum and Arts Service has been investing in arts and health initiatives for a number of years and this exhibition is an exciting addition to their programme. Anna Shiels of Poole Arts Service said: *"This project will help us to reach new artists in our community who are making art outside the mainstream – in art clubs, social care settings, hospitals and in their own homes."*

The Wilson say: *"We're looking forward to welcoming audiences to consider work which confronts perceptions of those who see themselves as facing barriers. We hope that this exhibition sparks new opportunities for participation for visitors of all backgrounds, cultures and abilities."*

Finally, Falmouth Art Gallery is excited by the prospect of shining a light on the excellent work being created outside the mainstream.



Note to Editors

Final submission date: Friday 4 November 2016

How to submit work:

Submitting work is free. To enter artists must create an online gallery via the Outside In website www.outsidein.org.uk. Each artist is able to submit up to two works for selection and as the works will be looked at online, the quality of the photograph uploaded is very important. Information required includes images, titles of works, dimensions and a description of each piece.

For support in setting up an online gallery please contact Hannah Whitlock by calling: 01243 770845 or by email: h.whitlock@pallant.org.uk

The areas in south west that can submit are:

Bath and North East Somerset, Bournemouth, Bristol, Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Isles of Scilly, Isle of Wight, North Somerset, Plymouth, Poole, Portsmouth, Southampton, Somerset, South Gloucestershire, Swindon, Torbay and Wiltshire

About Outside In

Founded by Pallant House Gallery, Chichester, in 2006 Outside In provides a platform for artists who see themselves as facing barriers to the art world due to health, disability, social circumstance or isolation. The goal of the project is to create a fairer art world which rejects traditional values and institutional judgements about whose work can and should be displayed. www.outsidein.org.uk

About Arts & Health South West

Arts & Health South West (AHSW) is an information, support and advocacy organisation for everyone who believes in the value of creativity in enhancing health and wellbeing. Their aim is to encourage the development of the arts and health sector across the region. They support good practice through providing high quality resources, information and support. www.ahsw.org.uk

About Bristol Museum & Art Gallery

Bristol Museum & Art Gallery has world-class collections, from dinosaurs and gems to magnificent fine art and Egyptian artefacts. Alongside its permanent displays there is a significant temporary exhibition programme which showcases work of regional, national and International significance. www.bristolmuseums.org.uk