



## HG31 Commission #VOICES

Commission: HomeGrown31 is seeking proposals from West Midlands based artists/creatives aged 18 - 35 to create innovative socially engaged or issue driven art.

Commissions £500.00 - £2000.00 (April 2022- August 2022)

Deadline for enquiries (including for access support): Friday 18th March 2022

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: Friday 25th March 2022 @ 10am**

The commissions must respond to at least one of the below themes:

- Youth of the Future
- Mental Health
- Changemaking or Social Action
- Politics and Activism
- Identity and Culture
- Community

The commissions should be creative responses to the themes utilising at least one of the main art forms:

- Music (Instrumental)
- Visual Art (Painting/ Sculpture/ Plastic/Decorative)
- Literature (Storytelling)
- Theatre/Theatre Making
- Fashion/ Textiles

Please note we are strategically prioritising the above arts forms, multi/combined arts projects will be considered.

HomeGrown31 will be distributing a commissioning pot of up to £20,000.00 in the following four categories:

- Step Up Commissions (to evolve creative ideas from brand new artists\*): £500.00+ bespoke CPD
- Show it (site specific response about the Black Country): £500.00 - £1,000.00
- Speak Out Commission (to discuss current social, cultural or political affairs ): £500.00 - £1,000.00
- Stand together (Community Commissions to accelerate creative ideas or bring something to life with a named community/group of interest): £1,000.00 - £2,000.00

\*A brand new artist may be someone who has never been commissioned before, has graduated from university within the past year, has formed a new company/collective within the past 6 months, or similar. This commission category will have the opportunity for extra artistic support/ direction in delivering the project, in whatever area they feel will be beneficial





### Background:

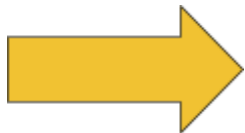
HomeGrown31 is where young and aspiring talent (12-35yrs) from across the Black Country & Birmingham come together to be creative, develop new skills and take the lead to initiate new opportunities and local change. HomeGrown31 is a catalyst for supporting young people from all backgrounds. Our HG31-family feel creatively and socially empowered to share their talents and grow bright futures! HomeGrown 31 is Powered by Creative Academies Network

Creative Academies Network is a charitable organisation that supports the development of children and young people to reach their full potential through cultural education, creative practice, civic leadership and community collaboration as a catalyst for social, cultural and economic change. Our mission is to support children and young people facing multiple and complex disadvantages to have the right to access new experiences and opportunities, to live a fulfilling life that builds brighter futures across the Black Country and Birmingham.

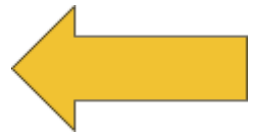
For further information visit: [www.creativeacademies.co.uk](http://www.creativeacademies.co.uk) or [www.homegrown31.com](http://www.homegrown31.com)

### How to Apply:

Deadline for proposals is Friday 25th March 2022 @ 10am. Late proposals will not be accepted. (You have until Friday 18th March 2022 to make enquiries. This is not the submission deadline)



Please apply via: <https://bit.ly/HG31COMMISSIONVOICES>



Your proposal through the above link should include:

- Name of proposed project
- Primary places of the project being undertaken
- Short summary of the proposed project (30 words)
- Number of people involved
- Commission category
- Proposed theme
- Art form
- Full proposal- can be submitted in writing (250-500 words), PowerPoint presentation (maximum 10 slides) or as a video (maximum 5 minutes long)
- A list of people involved
- How you plan to document and market the project
- How many people will engage
- Full budget
- Budget breakdown



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- In what way you would benefit from the bespoke CPD opportunity (if applying for that commission category)
- Personal contact details
- CVs of all artist/ creatives involved
- Contact details of two referees

Please also return the supporting monitoring form

If you applied to our previous commissioning cycle and were unsuccessful, you are welcome to reapply with a new or developed idea. Previous successful applicants are not eligible for this round of commissions.

#### Additional Information:

- CAN (HomeGrown31) welcomes applications from people living in all areas of the West Midlands and from all backgrounds.
- All work to be undertaken in the West Midlands.
- HomeGrown31 will support artists to ensure they are working within appropriate COVID-19 government guidelines, it is each artist's responsibility to ensure that appropriate risk assessments, policies and procedures are followed
- If commission undertaken works with children, young people and/or vulnerable communities artists/creatives will be expected to obtain a DBS
- Artists working in public spaces will be expected to obtain Public Liability Insurance of up to £5 million, HomeGrown31 can support young artists to obtain short-term insurance policies (please request support within your application)
- Commissions should begin in April 2022 and be completed no later than August 2022. Fee is inclusive of VAT
- Creative Academies Network will contract the appointed individual(s), who will be responsible for their own Tax and National Insurance.
- All successful applicants will be expected to attend a mandatory residency weekend in May to encourage creative collaboration between artists.

For further information or for an informal conversation about this commission contact:

[hello@homegrown31.com](mailto:hello@homegrown31.com)



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