



Walk the Plank & Manchester City Council
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CALL OUT: North West Emerging Outdoor Artist Call Out (unpaid)

Walk the Plank and Manchester City Council are offering four unpaid placements to new artists looking to gain a better understanding and experience of working in outdoor arts. Placements will work with artists on Manchester Day between May and June 2022 in Manchester.

This is an ELEVATE'22 artist development opportunity supported by Arts Council England.

- Role: 4 x Emerging Outdoor Artist opportunities (**unpaid**)
- Period: Up to 6 days (or half day equivalents) between May –June 2022 including show day on Sunday 19th June 2022.
- Location: Cobden Works, Salford, individual artist studios and community venues.
- Placement: An opportunity for Makers and Designers, you'll be working with Manchester Day artists, making a large-scale outdoor arts event.
- Suitability: This opportunity is suitable for new and emerging artists looking to gain practical work experience and develop their skills while being supported by professional artists.

Background

ELEVATE is an artist development programme that supports North West artists to grow their skills, experience, and network in outdoor arts through mentorships, placements and masterclasses.

ELEVATE artists gain direct experience of making on Manchester Day, a large-scale creative parade and squares programme. With Walk the Plank, artists co-create with communities to create original work that attracts an audience of 70,000.

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Manchester Day. Left: parade Right: activity in Great Northern Square. Images: Mark Waugh

Want to be part of making creative content for a major outdoor event?

This is an opportunity to work alongside Manchester Day outdoor artists.

Manchester Day is a unique experience, bringing together outdoor artists from across the region between May and June each year. This opportunity will give you a unique insight into working on a large-scale outdoor arts event. You will gain mentoring from practicing artists, learn new skills and techniques across a variety of materials, learn to produce on a fast-paced mass-scale production line and build your profile, portfolio and network.

Have you got what we are looking for?

Applicants should be new & emerging artists, at the level of a recent arts graduate or undergraduate. But we are equally keen to hear from makers who did not follow the university route or career changers from all stages of life.

Applicants must be available to work between May and June 2022 in Manchester.

We are looking for candidates who are:

- Creative, with a skillset in 'making' with a wide variety of materials & genres
- Collaborators
- Punctual and reliable
- Friendly, with great communication skills
- ready for a creative challenge

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Eligibility Criteria

New & Emerging artists

Applicants should live in or around the North West of England and be available to work between May and June 2022 in Manchester. Although applications will be considered from outside the region if the applicant can support their own travel.

Places are limited so final selection will be undertaken by a panel. Selection will be based on how much the panel feels the candidate will benefit from the opportunity and what they will bring to Manchester Day. Walk the Plank and Manchester City Council are equal opportunity employers.

Fee

Four unpaid placements, a daily allowance of £5.

How to Apply

Please email your CV and a short covering letter, along with 1-3 images of your artwork to Danielle Chinn, ELEVATE Project Manager: Danielle@walktheplank.co.uk

Deadline

The application deadline is Wednesday 25 May 2022 at 9am

We will be in touch about the outcome of your application on Friday 27. Informal interviews will take place later this month.

Enquiries

If you have any questions or would like to arrange an informal chat about this opportunity, please contact Danielle Chinn, ELEVATE Project Manager on: Danielle@walktheplank.co.uk

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