

# ARTSCAPE

## Open Call for Artists, Creative Practitioners and Collectives ARTSCAPE Residencies Hafren Forest, Powys

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### ABOUT ARTSCAPE

ARTSCAPE involves the creation of a programme of community focused, environmentally themed and locally based creative arts experiences, happenings and events in the physical and digital space.

ARTSCAPE is a creative partnership alliance between **Powys County Council's Arts & Cultural Service, National Resources Wales, Impelo, 4Pi Productions and Articulture.**

The partnership has been formed to engage imaginatively with communities to stimulate re-connectivity, stir an enthusiasm for environmental caretaking in the face of climate change and promote people's wellbeing through interrelated environment / place based and virtual / digital arts experiences.

**Bringing creativity, arts, community well-being and nature together  
in the physical and digital space**

*Gwrandewch Creu* • Listen and Create (mid Powys element of ARTSCAPE)

### What is the project?

ARTSCAPE is a project working across 3 outdoor locations in Powys. The mid Powys project will take place in the Hafren forest with the local community and local artists co-creating new artworks.

ARTSCAPE seeks to engage the local community in a hyperlocal creative conversation around climate change through the arts as well as the health and wellbeing of the people who live in the county. We aim to initiate a creative journey and present a positive vision for the future in Powys where we strive to live in harmony with our environment in a fairer world.

Can you as an artist help facilitate and explore this intention?

What can you offer as a creative to our local communities to stimulate attention, compassion and a long term relationship with the Hafren Forest?

### About the Location

Hafren Forest forms part of the National Forest for Wales located on the edge of the Cambrian Mountains, 7 miles west of the market town of Llanidloes. It covers 15 square miles, was planted in 1937 and is now managed by National Resources Wales.

Previously, it was home to lead and tin mining industries and is now an open access site with plenty of walks including the Source of the Severn Trail to the Severn's source on Pumlumon, (Plynlimon) the highest mountain in Mid Wales.

Two other rivers- the Wye and the Rheidol, also start their journey from the forest region.

The forest has been home to a hydrology observatory since 1969 and is also a Critical Zone Observatory linked with others across the world.

### **Who are we looking for?**

We are looking for 3 local artists / creative practitioners to actively engage the community in imagining their future within the limits of our planet's needs, whilst enjoying the environment of the beautiful Hafren Forest.

### **The first step**

We will hold an exploratory and immersive day in the forest where you are asked to make initial contact with local community representatives and experience the forest.

In the morning, a collective of guides will offer the opportunity to explore the forest using all of our senses- listening, sitting, walking, talking, forest bathing and eating a specially prepared picnic together. From beneath our feet to far above, this exploration will offer insights into some of the many features of the forest, and a chance to learn, connect and feel inspired in nature.

In the afternoon, again facilitated by guides, we will draw together our experiences of the forest and look beyond to its relationship with the world through time. You will spend the day with people representing Hafren forest users and fellow artists.

This will be organised by Articulture and invited specialists who will enrich our day.

We are looking for professional local artists, creative practitioners or collectives who work within the **performative arts, sound installation, site specific, environmentally themed / outdoor** disciplines.

You will need to be over 18 and either a resident of, or regularly working in, Powys. By local we mean you can demonstrate a strong history and connection with the area formed over time. You will need to provide your own public liability insurance for this project.

### **We welcome ideas which: -**

1. Take place in 'public space' at Hafren Forest
2. Can be enjoyed by a bilingual audience – Welsh and English
3. Think about the challenges and opportunities of social distancing (Covid) and weather conditions
4. Bring people from different backgrounds to collaborate together
5. Can be created for a budget of up to £4,000

### **What's on offer?**

#### **Budget**

Fee: £4,000 for a minimum of 16 days

Travel £0.45 per mile (up to £500)

Additional budget for materials up to £500

### **Digital element**

This project is also about piloting ways of creatively engaging people through innovative forms of digital media. A digital element will be developed with immersive multimedia creators 4pi Productions, with a view to widening participation & reach, breaching communication and presentation boundaries towards making and 'exhibiting' new artwork and creative content for local and worldwide artists in the future.

See their work at <https://www.4piproductions.com>

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### **When will I need to be available?**

The exploratory context setting day in the forest will be 10am - 4pm on Mon 06 September 2021 – we are inviting Expressions of Interest to attend by **5pm, Fri 13 August 2021**

If selected, you will be invited for the exploratory day by Mon 23 August 2021. We will pay your expenses for the day and provide lunch and refreshments.

We would like the commissions to take place between Sat 30 October and Fri 12 November 2021 to link with COP26. For nearly three decades the UN has been bringing together almost every country on earth for global climate summits – called COPs – 'Conference of the Parties'. In that time climate change has gone from being a fringe issue to a global priority. This year will be the 26th annual summit – giving it the name COP26.

See more information at <https://together-for-our-planet.ukcop26.org>

We would expect you to start work on your commission from Mon 20 September 2021 onwards.

The fee would suggest around 16 days' work commitment with a bulk of it focused around the delivery of the commission.

You will need to set some time aside to share your findings and feedback on delivery of the commission.

### **How do I apply?**

#### **To register your interest**

Please send us no more than 1 side of A4 text or 3 minutes of audio / video telling us about you and your practice and outline why you are interested.

Please send this to [lucy.a.bear@powys.gov.uk](mailto:lucy.a.bear@powys.gov.uk) with **ARTSCAPE Hafren Forest Commissions** in the subject line.

We would also encourage you to include visual elements such as photos of work or your website link.

Deadline for submitting Expressions of Interest: by **5pm, Fri 13 August 2021**

### **The rest of the process.**

We will let you know if you have been selected to attend the forest exploration day by Mon 23 of August 2021.

After the forest exploration day on the Mon 06 September 2021, we will let you know if are invited to proceed to the final stage. The closing deadline for submitting further detail is noon Fri 17 September 2021. Successful artists will be notified by Mon 20 September 2021.

## About our Partners

Powys County Council: [Cyngor Sir Powys County Council](#)

Impelo: [Impelo](#)

Natural Resources Wales: [Natural Resources Wales](#)

Articulture: <https://articulture-wales.co.uk>

4Pi Productions: <https://4piproductions.com>

If you have any questions, you can contact Julie Ann Heskin during normal working hours by email [julieann@articulture-wales.co.uk](mailto:julieann@articulture-wales.co.uk) or on 07890 681212.

We hope to hear from you!

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delivered in creative collaborative partnership with: -



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Arts Council of Wales



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Natural Resources Wales



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