



# Bristol's Art in City Hall

Programme Overview 2020

**Mayor of Bristol**



**culture  
team**

## Summary

Mayor of Bristol, Marvin Rees initiated the programme *Bristol's Art in City Hall* to open up City Hall to Bristol's communities and provide an opportunity for all our different neighbourhoods to be represented through art.

Artists, schools and community groups are invited to display their artworks in the corridors and public spaces in the civic heart of Bristol. This new art programme will use the walls of City Hall as a platform for stories from across the city. We want one wall-based artwork from each of Bristol's 34 wards to be represented and have its own space to showcase the local talent.

Mayor of Bristol, Marvin Rees says: *"This project is about ensuring that City Hall as a public building truly represents the communities it works for in Bristol. By giving people the opportunity to showcase their creativity in City Hall I hope that people will feel greater ownership of this key civic space."*

## Call for entries

The Mayor's Office, in partnership with the Culture team from Bristol City Council, are inviting for entries for the first collective arts exhibition in City Hall. Submission is free and open to Bristol-based artists, community groups, schools or arts organisations that would like to exhibit work in City Hall and represent their ward.

The 34 selected works (one from each ward) will be exhibited on the corridors between meeting rooms in the publicly accessible first floor of the building for a period of six months.

We will mark the beginning of each exhibition period with an unveiling event. This is an opportunity to celebrate the opening of the exhibition with friends, family and residents with the Mayor of Bristol, Marvin Rees.

### Theme

The exhibition theme is *Sense of Place*. Artworks should respond to the stories of the people, landscape and the buildings of their communities.

### Timeline

- Submissions open Monday 2 March and close Friday 27 March 2020
- First round selection process: 30–31 March
- Second round artwork delivery: 2–10 April (all artworks need to be delivered by the artist, parent or guardian to City Hall between 09:00-17:00, Monday to Friday)
- Final selection process: 11–12 April (review of physical artwork)
- Collection of unselected artworks: 13–24 April
- Opening event: w/c 27 April, City Hall reception
- Exhibition dates: 1 May – 30 October 2020, 8.00am-20.00pm, Monday – Friday



# Submission guidelines

All applicants must apply by email to [mayor@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:mayor@bristol.gov.uk), with a maximum of three photographs of the artwork and a completed submission form.

Photographs of artworks should be saved as a JPEG file and should not exceed a maximum size of 5MB. Please save the file name as the title of the work with your initials.

If you are successful in the first round, we will notify you by email and ask you to deliver your physical artwork to City Hall for the next round of selection between 2-10 April.

Please note: We are selecting one artwork per ward. Artworks which are not selected for the final exhibition will need to be collected from City Hall between 13 to 24 April.

Creative artworks in the following formats will be accepted for submission:

- Painting
- Photography
- Mixed media/ assemblage
- Collage
- Drawing
- Engraving
- Digital print (non-photographic)

Each artist or collaborative partnership can submit only one piece of work. Schools can submit a maximum of three artworks each.

Submissions can be made by individuals, schools, community groups and arts organisation, and can be solo or collaborative.

Works entered must:

- Be specifically inspired by the artist's community
- Be the sole and original work of the entrant or collaborative partnership
- Be made of non-perishable material.
- Be ready for framing (we will frame the selected works)
- Not be replicas of already-existing works
- Not exceed the maximum dimensions as follows: All paintings, drawings, other works on paper, photography and prints must measure an A2 print size: 42.0 x 59.4cm - (16.5 x 23.4 inches)

Electronic submissions will only be accepted between Monday 2 March and Friday 27 March 2020.

Please note that Bristol City Council **does not** hold insurance against any loss of or damage to work and that you are displaying your artwork at your own risk.





# Exhibition space

First floor and foyer, City Hall, College Green, Bristol BS1 5TR

