

The Orchard Project with SOLD at High Ashurst & DAiSY

Creative Facilitator Brief

Summary of Project

We are looking for a freelance creative workshop facilitator who is familiar with working with individuals with learning difficulties to work alongside Surrey Outdoor Learning (SOLD) and Disability Arts in Surrey (DAiSY). You will facilitate a series of workshops and events with four DAiSY member groups, to celebrate and explore the history of apple growing at High Ashurst and the local area. The project will happen alongside the identification of old apple trees currently existing in a derelict orchard on the High Ashurst site, and the replanting of the orchard, using local heritage varieties. The workshops will be happening with Surrey History Center and RHS Garden Wisley, who will provide information about the site, apple growing and the natural history of Box Hill. Working alongside DAiSY, the workshops and events will help inform the creation of permanent interpretation resources within the Orchard as well as sculptural seating. These resulting artworks will be installed in the new orchard in Spring 2021 and form a new outdoor learning space.

AIM OF PROJECT: To learn about the history of the site and produce lasting creative interpretive resources in the orchard.

Programme of activities and time scale:

- **Activity 1: Apple Day Event (21st October 2022)**

This will be the opening event to the project with a day spent at High Ashurst celebrating the humble Apple! All four DAiSY member groups (40 participants) will attend and apple themed activities will be planned with a focus on healthy eating, food miles and the symbolism, heritage and uses of apples. By visiting the orchard at High Ashurst the participants will be able to see the old remaining apple trees and imagine what it would have looked like in the past. As part of the activities we will be planting some local variety apple trees in the Orchard to begin bringing it back to life.

- **Activity 2: Workshops at Surrey History Center (Nov - Dec 2022) x 4**

Working with each DAiSY member group at a time (10 participants per workshop) the creative facilitator will oversee 4 x sessions at the Surrey History Center who will run the sessions to learn about the archive, the history of High Ashurst and the orchard. This could explore the types of people who would have worked in the gardens and orchard and the uses for the apples. This information will help to inform what is included in the interpretation at the Orchard.

- **Activity 3: Workshops at RHS Wisley (Jan - Feb 2023) x 4**

Working with each DAiSY member group at a time (10 participants per workshop) the creative facilitator will oversee 4 x sessions at RHS Wisley. There they will learn about different types of apples, and the specific varieties that will be planted at High Ashurst. There may also be an opportunity to access the RHS Wisley archive to explore apple artwork. Again these visits and the information gathered will help to inform what is included in the interpretation at the Orchard

- **Activity 4: Wassailing Events at SOLD High Ashurst (Feb 2023)**

This event will bring all the groups together for a celebration of the orchard and will be open to all DAiSY member groups. We will be doing a wassail for the apple trees that were planted at the beginning of the project as well as planting the grafted trees from Wisley. This will also be an opportunity to collate further ideas for the sculptural seating and interpretation.

- **Activity 5: Final Opening of the new Orchard (April 2023)**

This will be an opening event for the new orchard and newly installed artworks and interpretation.

Timescale: Sept '22 - April '23

Project planning will begin in September with the first activity, Apple Day, happening on October 21st 2022. We will then need to work with Surrey History Center and RHS Wisley to run four workshops at each site between November and January. The Wassailing event will take place in early February 2023. The project will conclude in April 2023 with the opening event at High Ashurst.

Fees breakdown:

The Creative Facilitator will be paid a day rate of £200 for 21 days with a total fee of £4,200.

Activity 1: Apple Day Event = 2 days prep + 1 day on site event = **3 days**

Activity 2: Workshops at Surrey History Center = 2 days prep + 4 onsite workshops = **6 days**

Activity 3: Workshops at RHS Wisley = 2 days prep + 4 onsite workshops = **6 days**

Activity 4: Wassailing Events at High Ashurst = 2 days prep + 1 day on site event = **3 days**

Activity 4: Final Opening of the new Orchard = 2 days prep + 1 day on site event = **3 days**

Requirements:

Required

- Experience of running workshops with individuals with learning disabilities
- Familiar with and considerate of access needs and requirements
- Background in creative practices
- Full and enhanced DBS
- Excellent communication and presentation skills
- Enthusiasm for the project and themes
- Familiar and comfortable with collaboration
- Flexible and adaptable
- Friendly and fun!

Desired

- Familiar with and have a keen interest in themes explored in this project.
- Surrey based
- Own transport

Application process:

Applicants are invited to apply before midnight **Sunday 3rd July 2022** to: cara@daisyfest.co.uk

Please email your CV and a short expression of interest stating why you are suitable for the role in relation to the requirements and detailing relevant experience.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited for an informal zoom interview and the chosen candidate will be appointed in July. Appointment is subject to references and enhanced DBS clearance.

DAiSY are keen to support applicants with access needs and should you require this application in any other format please get in touch. We are also open to alternative forms of submission should this be more appropriate for you.

If you have any immediate questions about the role, please email Cara Flowers:
cara@daisyfest.co.uk