

Call for Artists with workshop development experience

Please note, all Briefs should be read in conjunction with:

- A. Sutton STEAMs Ahead Fund Guidance
- B. Sutton STEAMs Ahead Grant Application Form

Please contact suttonsteamsahead@sutton.gov.uk for further information on these documents.

Summary

We are looking for artists/creatives to interpret the theme of '[Sutton's Hidden Worlds](#)'. The successful artist/creative will work in partnership with an educational specialist/s to develop workshops for primary-school age children. These workshops will be delivered as classroom lessons by primary school teachers and teaching assistants.

We are seeking artists/creatives who:

- ☐ Have the artistic skill and technical knowledge to create a workshop or series of workshops in response to 'Sutton's Hidden Worlds'
- ☐ Understand how to inspire primary school aged children and bring a unique twist that excites children
- ☐ Can produce workshops that be can be delivered remotely, without the artist/creative facilitator present, sharing their creative presence and inspiring children without being there in person
- ☐ With the support of an educational specialist, can shape an innovative and exciting lesson plan/s for primary school teachers to deliver to children
- ☐ Are able to produce the work during January and February 2023
- ☐ Have knowledge or experience of health and safety and risk management
- ☐ Have a strong connection to Sutton (either through their personal or professional lives) and some knowledge of its [Environment Strategy](#)
- ☐ Have read and understood the Sutton STEAMs Ahead Guidance

Fee¹:

£2,500 per contract plus additional support from an education specialist and filmmaker. It is unlikely that additional funding for materials will be available.

Support that will be provided includes:

- Sutton Council will provide a dedicated contact who will liaise with you, the educational specialist/s, filmmaker and schools
- An educational specialist will help develop your ideas into clear lesson plans for primary school teachers to deliver in their classrooms
- A filmmaker will produce a short film to enable you to share your creative presence and artistic vision
- An annual membership to [Arts Network Sutton](#) for 2023 will be provided, to build up your local networks and attend their events and training sessions.

About Sutton STEAMs Ahead Education Programme

We will be inviting all primary schools in Sutton to deliver our lesson plans for STEM lessons. We are looking for additional lessons to be developed by local artists in collaboration with an education specialist, to put the 'Art' into 'STEAM'.

[Sutton's Hidden Worlds](#)



UKRI Interdisciplinary
Circular Economy Centre
for Mineral-based
Construction Materials



Sutton's Hidden Worlds lessons are designed to help children understand the history and the environment that surrounds them in Sutton. The programme inspires children to uncover the Hidden Worlds around them using science, learning more about Sutton and its environment.

University College London (UCL) are leading on the STEM lessons with lesson plans that invite children to become familiar with Sutton's local environment, including green spaces and biodiversity:

- In geology, children will examine rocks found in the local environment and learn about where they came from.
- In biology, children will investigate the biological life found in the outside world of their school environment, in the soil and ponds.

¹ Based on guidance from <https://www.artistsunionengland.org.uk/rates-of-pay/>

- In built environment, children will be introduced to physical buildings and the materials around them.

The Full Brief

The London Borough of Sutton is looking for artists/creatives to provide innovative and exciting responses to ‘Sutton’s Hidden Worlds’ lessons.

You will create one core workshop idea. You will then develop this workshop in partnership with an education specialist to form lesson plans for different primary school age groups and abilities. The lesson should be teachable in two hours but proposals for longer sessions may be possible for older primary school aged children (e.g. Years 5 and 6, ages 9-11).

Your lesson plan could be in any artistic or creative discipline. Potential examples include:

- Poetry writing lessons inspired by Sutton’s local environment and history
- Stone rubbing and texture drawing
- A tutorial in using items found in nature like rocks, sticks and flowers to create sculptural art pieces
- A performance inspired by ‘Sutton’s Hidden Worlds’
- A musical interpretation of ‘Sutton’s Hidden Worlds’.

We ask that you use easily accessible resources, e.g. found in the environment around schools or in children’s homes, or those that are likely to already be available in classrooms, to ensure inclusivity. It is unlikely that further funding for materials will be available.

The final outputs will be:

- Lesson plan/s which we will support you to develop in partnership with an educational specialist
- A short 10 minute film which we will support you in filming and editing, to introduce children to your artistic practice
- Through your creative interpretation, a clear connection to the ‘Sutton’s Hidden Worlds’ theme.

An education specialist will be provided by Sutton Council to support you to create a clear and engaging lesson plan that primary school teachers can deliver. The core lesson plan will be adapted for a range of different primary school age groups and abilities. Working in partnership with the education specialist, your final lesson plans should include:

- Clear lesson objectives
- Engaging and innovative activities that meet with these objectives
- Guidance on creative outputs for the pupils
- Information on any specialist knowledge or key vocabulary necessary for understanding the plan.

You could optionally include elements such as activity sheets or templates, additional videos, photos of example outputs, and any other elements that will help deliver a fun, engaging and educational lesson.

Who can apply?

Artists and creatives who have some experience in designing workshops, especially for primary school aged children.

When and where will this happen?

The lesson will be delivered by primary school teachers in 2023 in primary schools throughout Sutton. The lesson packs and resources will be available to download from the council's website and promoted on our social media channels.

There may also be an opportunity in the future for the artist to deliver some of these lessons in person.

How to apply

The deadline to apply is **19 December 2022, by 12 noon.**

Following the deadline, a panel consisting of Council representatives will meet to review and shortlist up to five proposals. We may follow up with an interview. The panel will make a decision and award contracts to the candidates whose proposals most closely meet the criteria.

Candidates should fill in the attached application form and send it to suttonsteamsahead@sutton.gov.uk.

An online Q&A will take place on 6 December 2022, 4-5pm. To receive the link to attend this Q&A session, please register your interest at suttonsteamsahead@sutton.gov.uk by 5pm on 5 December 2022.

Key dates

29 November 2022	Publication of call out
5 December 2022, by 5pm	Potential artists/creatives to register their interest in online Q&A to receive link
6 December 2022, 4-5pm	Q&A session online – only accessible if you have registered
19 December 2022, 12 noon	Deadline for application submissions
21 December 2022	Successful artists/creatives will be contacted
Week commencing 9 January 2023	Successful artists/creatives will meet with the UCL team to further discuss content (date TBC). We will work with successful artists/creatives to agree on a convenient date.
6 February 2023	Lesson plan materials delivered to LBS for comment
17 February 2023	Final lesson plans delivered to LBS