

# Young Artist Call Out

for Barbara Walker Engagement Project

The Whitworth launches the first major survey exhibition including a new commission by acclaimed British artist Barbara Walker on 3 October 2024.

<https://www.whitworth.manchester.ac.uk/whats-on/exhibitions/upcomingexhibitions/barbarawalker/>

We are creating an engagement programme inspired by Barbara Walker's exhibition, building on the theme of Stop and Search from Walker's series of works called *Louder than Words*, working with a local youth focus group.

We want to commission a young Manchester-based artist (18-30 years) with lived or secondary experience of Stop and Search, to work alongside the engagement programme and the Barbara Walker exhibition.

## Am I eligible?

We're looking for artists who have:

- Lived experience or knowledge of Stop and Search
- An interest and experience of working creatively with community groups
- A knowledge and understanding of our neighbouring communities to the Whitworth
- A minimum of 2 years practice as an artist

## The Commission

The work is expected to take place between September 2024-January 2025 with a total of 10 days. You are expected to work with the groups, gallery staff and independently.

We invite you to propose ideas building on your practice and the work of Barbara Walker, to create a functioning resource to raise empathy and awareness of Stop and Search rights and experiences for the public. The resource is to be launched at a sharing event in January 2025

The fee for the work is £2,500.

In addition to the fee there is a small budget to cover production costs.

Please submit your CV and a letter outlining your proposal, clearly stating how your practice connects to both Walker's exhibition and how you work with people. State your preferred artform including a minimum of 3 images/web links to provide background to your practice.

There may further opportunities to work across other programmes during the exhibition

## Deadline: 16 September 2024 5pm.

Send proposals to [denise.bowler@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:denise.bowler@manchester.ac.uk)

Please note that any proposals submitted later than the deadline date and time will not be considered.

## Any questions?

Please email [denise.bowler@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:denise.bowler@manchester.ac.uk) to ask a question or arrange a phone call.