

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 themes of Windrush from Walker's series of works called Burden of Proof, working with a local focus group.

We want to commission a Manchester-based artist (50+ years) with lived or secondary experience of Windrush alongside the engagement programme and the Barbara Walker exhibition.

Am I eligible?

We're looking for artists who have:

- Lived experience of Windrush
- 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 Windrush 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: 30 September 2024 5pm.

Send proposals to 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 claire.cowell@manchester.ac.uk to ask a question or arrange a phone call.