

Freelance Work by The National Library of Wales Deadline 1 February 2021

The Unlocking Our Sound Heritage Project (UOSH)* is pleased to announce an exciting opportunity for freelancers to apply to win a fee for holding workshops with the public to create a new piece of work based on oral history interviews.

The purpose of this call is to enable freelancers to create unique works during this period of uncertainty, by using sound files from the collection to inspire the work, demonstrating the importance of Sound Archives. The final work will be displayed on the web, and will be a way of inspiring others to get creative with Welsh sound items.

What's on offer?

- Freelance work worth £1,500
- Applications can be made individually, in pairs or as a group

Who is eligible?

This opportunity is open, but not exclusive to:

- Composers
- Musicians
- Animators
- Poets / Writers
- Painters/Artists (any medium)
- Clothes designers
- Potters

Applications for any artistic medium will be considered but the work must be original

Requirements of the work

Using oral histories digitised as part of the UOSH project as inspiration:

- Hold on-line workshops with the public to teach about sound recordings and how to use them to inspire new work
- Opening the collections to new audiences through working with a chosen community partner or special interest group (this can be a community organisation or charity working with adults or young people)
- The creative outcome will be the result of a collaborative process through working imaginatively with a group of individuals
- We will send audio files of oral histories from the Story of the Forest collection to successful applicants, and encourage them to get creative and use these stories to inspire their work
- The final work will be displayed on various websites and the Library's social media accounts

How to apply

To express an interest in this opportunity, or to send an enquiry email uosh@llyfrgell.cymru
In the email you will need to state:

- Why you are interested in applying
- Experience of working with a range of audiences and the public and involving them with their artistic practice
- A brief description of the final artistic piece
- Your interest in Welsh history and heritage

- A description or examples of your previous work

Closing Date

12.00pm (noon) on Monday 1 February, 2021

What happens next?

We will select successful applicant and confirm on **Friday 5 February**.

The completion date for the work will be confirmed with the successful applicant and we will send an agreement to sign.

The work is funded by the kindness of the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

The Project

The National Library of Wales is one of 10 Hubs in the UK working with the British Library on the Unlocking Our Sound Heritage Project (UOSH). The purpose of the project is to protect rare and unique sound collections through digitisation.

In order to deal with the threat posed by sound recordings project staff are responsible for digitising, cataloguing and providing access to 5,000 audio items from the Library's collection and those of the partners in Wales. These recordings will be used in learning and engagement activities raising the profile of the UK Sound Archives. Learn more about the project here:

<https://www.library.wales/collections/learn-more/screen-sound-archive/audio-visual-collections/unlocking-our-sound-heritage/>