



## **Periscope Secondary Commissioning Callout – January 2022**

*Please note: this is a re-advertising of a brief that was first shared in November 2021*

### **Overview**

Periscope want to commission a cultural organisation or artist, based and/or with a significant strategic interest in the Periscope region, to create a new project which inspires, enriches, and celebrates secondary-school students across West Suffolk, Mid Suffolk, and Babergh through arts and culture. There is no 'theme'; we want you to create a project which uses the skills and expertise you have to hand, with strong evidence that it will fulfil a genuine need and interest in schools and students.

Periscope has previously commissioned a project for primary schools. You can learn more about this here: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=svz5M8P0t3Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=svz5M8P0t3Y)

### **About Periscope Local Cultural Education Partnership (LCEP)**

Periscope LCEP is a cross-sector, collective response to the principle that all children and young people should have meaningful access to high-quality arts and cultural experiences and learning.

Based in west and central Suffolk, Periscope brings together organisations and individuals from the arts, cultural and education sectors. Connecting these perspectives allows us to spark strategies and initiatives that seek to support young people's creativity, curiosity, aspiration, self expression, understanding and insight.

Periscope LCEP network is itself supported by Suffolk County Council, Arts Council England (via Festival Bridge), district councils, and other leading cultural and educational organisations. [periscopelcep.wordpress.com](https://periscopelcep.wordpress.com)

### **Who Can Apply?**

Arts and culture organisations and individuals who are committed to developing long-term relationships with schools and other partners in our area.

### **Who Is It For?**

Commissions must be designed for, and benefit, students attending secondary schools within the Periscope LCEP area (West Suffolk, Mid Suffolk, and Babergh). The project can be for a single year group or a key stage, but not for the whole secondary (KS3-5; year groups 7-13) range, as we think that would require a different scale of project.

### **How Much Can I Apply For?**

A total of £20,000 exclusive of VAT, which will be awarded in a single amount to one individual or collective bid, is available for this commissioned project.

### **What Are The Criteria?**

#### Transformative

Your project should have a significant impact on the lives of young people taking part.

### Child-Centred

Your project should have young people placed at its very heart.

### Innovative

We want to see exciting new models which generate excitement and create fantastic experiences, and which reflect the diversity and richness of life and people in the Periscope area

### Replicable

We are especially keen to support projects which could become an annual self-sustaining fixture in your programme in the area.

### Supportive

Schools and teachers have had a particularly difficult couple of years. We want projects which do not add to teachers' workloads or place an administrative burden on school staff, but which support them to enhance their own and their students' lives.

### Scale

We expect your project to engage a significant number of young people and educators, and to work with two or more secondary schools.

### Need

We want you to work with schools whose catchment areas experience significant deprivation and a low level of engagement in arts and culture. You can find this information here

[www.suffolkobservatory.info](http://www.suffolkobservatory.info) and the Festival Bridge team can advise further if you require – please contact Fraser Wilson as below.

### CPD

We expect to see some level of professional development for teachers built into your project.

### Digital Celebration and Advocacy

As part of the commission, we want you to create a short (approx. 5 mins) film documenting and celebrating the project. We expect 10-20% of the commission fee to be allocated to this.

## **How To Apply**

Please send us an application, of no more than 3 sides of A4 or a 5-minute video or audio file, outlining:

- How your project will work
- Who will be involved
- How many students you will work with and (provisionally) from which schools
- What impact your project will have
- A brief 'headline' budget
- A brief timeline

Email it to [fraser.wilson@nnfestival.org.uk](mailto:fraser.wilson@nnfestival.org.uk) before the deadline below.

## **Timeline**

Deadline for applications	Monday 28 February 2022 at 10am
Commission announced	Friday 11 March 2022
Project must be delivered by	Friday 31 March 2023
Celebration Film delivered by	Friday 28 April 2023

## FAQs

*Can I use other funds to 'top up' the LCEP commission money?*

Yes, we encourage match funding – but you must be clear about whether you already have this money or whether it is 'expected' at the time of applying, with a clear plan for how you will deliver the project if you are not successful with other bids.

*Can I include schools from outside of the LCEP area?*

Other schools can be involved in your project, but their participation must be separately funded. Periscope commission funds can only be spent on Periscope-area schools.

*Do I have to be based in the Periscope area to receive this commission?*

No, you can be based in Suffolk or beyond, but you must have a strategic interest in developing cultural-education activity in the Periscope area and commit to partnership working here. If you are not already, we would love you to become a Periscope partner: [join quickly and easily for free here](#).

*Can my project use any artform?*

Yes.

*I am a freelancer/sole trader – can I apply?*

Yes.

*Can I apply as a consortium with other organisations?*

Yes. We welcome applications from partnerships, collaborations and consortia.

*Does this have to be a new project?*

No – this could scale up an existing project or pilot.

*Does Periscope provide other support?*

We can help you to identify schools most in need and promote opportunities to schools through our membership. We cannot recruit schools on your behalf.

*How will the commission fee be paid?*

The fee will be paid via BACS on submission of invoices. We will provide 50% on signature of a commissioning agreement, 40% at a mid-point in the project and 10% on completion.

**Thank you for your interest in this opportunity. Please send your application to [fraser.wilson@nnfestival.org.uk](mailto:fraser.wilson@nnfestival.org.uk) by 10am on Monday 28 February.**

If you would like a conversation with a member of the Periscope steering group before applying, or if you have any other questions beforehand, you are welcome to contact Fraser as well.

We wish you all the best!

From the Periscope Steering Group  
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