**My Future York: Open Call for Artist/Designer to Create Innovative Display for Archive and Research Material**

***The past was different to today, the future will be too – what future do we want for York?***

**My Future York** is an open and collaborative inquiry. We are working anyone who wants to get involved to develop richer understandings of the city’s pasts and to inspire new alternative visions for York’s future.

We are looking to commission an artist or a designer to help us build a robust stall top display. The display will be based on the idea of York pasts, present and future. One idea we’ve had is it might be like a pop up book or a display with different layers – but we’re really keen to work with someone who might have other creative ways of fulfilling the brief. The stall top display will be inspired by work with York’s city archives and the community Facebook group York Past and Present and will be displayed at Somerset House as part of the Utopia 500 Fair on 24th-26th June: <http://www.somersethouse.org.uk/about/press/press-releases/utopia-2016-a-year-of-imagination-and-possibility>

We have a budget for the artists/ designer’s time and production.

Overall this will be (there can be movement between the two headings if there’s need for more time with lower production costs):

Time: £1300

Production and transportation to London: up to £800

**Total: £2100**

**The artist / designer will need to have..**

* a strong conceptual engagement with dimensions of pasts, presents and futures
* an Enthusiasm for using archive material
* a reflexive engagement with community-based and participatory practice
* experience of responding to – and shaping – research
* an ability to deliver within the timeframe
* an ability to deliver the project within and make the most of the identified budget

**Timescale:**

Deadline for Submissions: 10am 5th May, 2016

Proposed Interview Date(s): 10th May, 2016

Initial Workshop / Brainstorming session with appointed artist: 16th May, 2016 (can be flexible)

Project Launch and Presentation at Somerset House: 24th-26th June 2016

**To apply:**

* Send through a 300 word response to the brief
* Provide examples (documentation and context) of any previous relevant projects
* Two page CV

The **My Future York** project has been developed through a partnership between [York Environment Forum](https://yorkenvironmentforum.org.uk/" \t "_blank), York Past and Present, [York Explore Libraries and Archives](https://www.exploreyork.org.uk/client/en_GB/default) and [Centre for Critical Studies in Museums, Galleries and Heritage](http://www.ccsmgh.leeds.ac.uk/" \t "_blank) at the University of Leeds. It is supported by the [Arts and Humanities Research Council’s Connected Communities programme](http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/research/fundedthemesandprogrammes/crosscouncilprogrammes/connectedcommunities/) as part of the Connected Communities Festival 2016.

 