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Tender

Reconnect Presents (Festivals)

Kent County Council

F01: Prior information notice

Call for competition

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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<http://www.kent.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

<http://www.kent.gov.uk>

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Kent County Council

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Reconnect Presents (Festivals)

Reference number

DN587949

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79952000 - Event services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Kent County Council is seeking proposals from creative organisations to work with Young People (age 12-25) We are looking for organisations to work in close collaboration with Kent Creative Partner(s) to plan, curate, commission, promote, and deliver festival activities during summer 2022 that will celebrate and reconnect young people aged 0 to 25 across the county. Eight commissions will be delivered within the existing Kent festivals infrastructure, as part of KCC's Reconnect programme.

The voice of young people must be at the very core of each commission for Reconnect Presents; with support from the creative partner, they will drive the development of each activity, drawing on their own insights about the experiences that young people have missed the most throughout the pandemic. Reconnect Presents will reflect the Articles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, particularly Article 31: Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

Potential activity might include a 'Reconnect Presents' branded stage programmed by young people at an already established festival. Artform may be influenced by the host festival, but otherwise may include (but not be limited to) music, spoken word, comedy, dance, and physical theatre. Innovative use of digital technology is actively encouraged.

Reconnect Presents will seek to achieve a wide geographic spread of activities to ensure that young people can easily access the offer.

Reconnect Presents will empower young people across Kent to realise their creative

potential. It will engage and inspire, providing a range of opportunities for young people including as producers, artists, participants, promoters, and audiences.

The young people leading each commission will have access to a panel of experienced mentors to inspire, support and guide them through the process. The successful creative partner organisations will be able to demonstrate their ability to work with young people who will be supported by their mentors.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for one lot only

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79952000 - Event services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ43 - Kent Thames Gateway
- UKJ44 - East Kent
- UKJ45 - Mid Kent
- UKJ46 - West Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Young people and creative organisations will work together to develop proposals for consideration, the delivery of which will be across summer 2022.

Reconnect Presents will empower young people across Kent to realise their creative potential. It will engage and inspire, providing a range of opportunities for young people including as producers, artists, participants, promoters, and audiences. Potential activity might include a 'Reconnect Presents' branded stage commissioned by young people at an already established festival. Artform may be influenced by the host festival, but otherwise may include (but not be limited to) music, spoken word, comedy, dance, and physical theatre. Innovative use of digital technology is actively encouraged.

The voice of young people must be at the very core of each commission for Reconnect Presents. With support from the creative partner, the young people will drive the development of each activity, drawing on their own insights about the experiences that young people have missed the most throughout the pandemic. Reconnect Presents will reflect the Articles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, particularly Article 31: Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

The young people leading each commission will have access to a panel of experienced mentors to inspire, support and guide them through the process. This will be co-ordinated by the Kent County Council Culture and Creative Economy Service team. Young people will be encouraged to develop new skills and interests and be supported to define what is possible and how to realise their ambitions.

Reconnect Presents will:

- Empower young people
- Ensure young people are listened to and learned from
- Increase confidence and self-esteem
- Inspire through new experiences
- Encourage talent and develop skills
- Benefit the wider creative sector in terms of their involvement in supporting planning and delivery
- Contribute to developing sustainable audiences for events and festivals.
- Provide considerable learning opportunities for new and transferable skills

- Allow young people to influence decision making processes and develop relationships with creative sector and other partners
- Increase leadership and employability skills, preparing young people for the workplace

Up to eight commissions for festival activities will be available and we will seek to achieve a wide geographic spread of activities to ensure that young people can easily access the offer, and is looking to divide this into two commissions per area (North, South, East and West).

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Competitive procedure with negotiation

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest

Date

19 January 2022

Local time

11:55pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Kent County Council

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