

DEARNE VALLEY LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP
ARTIST COMMISSIONS

The Dearne Valley Landscape Partnership (DVLP) is promoting an opportunity for three artists or artist partnerships to fulfil three separate commissions in the Dearne Valley during 2017.

The commissions will require artists to:

- Produce an original creative response to the River Dearne in the Dearne Valley, the nature of which is to be determined by the artist/artists.
- Engage with local communities to provide opportunities for artistic experiences through workshops or engagement activities, as well as increasing awareness and interest in the River Dearne and connections with the Dearne Valley.

The maximum fee for this work is £8,500 per commission inclusive of travelling, subsistence, expenses and production costs (exclusive of VAT if VAT registered, inclusive of VAT if not VAT registered) and the work is to be completed by 31st December 2017.

Barnsley Council is the lead partner in the DVLP and will act as employer for this piece of work.

The artists will ideally have a connection with the Dearne Valley through living or working there, although this is not an essential requirement.

The Commission:

The aim of the commission is to highlight the significance of the River Dearne, whether this is physically, socially, economically, aesthetically, historically or environmentally. Work produced should raise awareness of the river which is at the heart of the Dearne Valley, where it comes from, where it goes to and the impact it has had on the area. The River Dearne will therefore be the focus of inspiration, but the actual form and content of the response is at the artist's discretion. The response could be physical, virtual or performance based and either permanent or temporary in nature. However, consideration should be given to the means by which creative responses are visible or accessible to the public.

The aim is also for the artist/artist partnership to involve communities from within the Dearne Valley, by offering opportunities for artistic experiences whilst engaging with the River Dearne. The nature and format of community involvement is also at the artist's discretion. This could include workshops, consultation events, direct involvement, open days or other forms of engagement.

Each of the three commissions will be running at the same time so the artists appointed will be encouraged, via the DVLP to meet with each other and liaise with the development of their work.

How to apply:

If you are interested in the commission then please contact the DVLP via email (DVLP@barnsley.gov.uk) for details of how to apply.

The commission will be managed via an online procurement system, details of which will be provided on request. Applications will only be accepted if submitted through this system, therefore please do not send any proposals via email. The full brief will be available via the online system from 5th June 2017, therefore please request details of how to apply as soon as possible as the deadline for the submission of proposals will be 23rd June 2017.