



## OPEN CALL

**OPEN CALL for an artist to create a site-specific work to celebrate a renowned local poet in Palmers Green, North London.**

Palmers Green Action Team is a group of local volunteers who are dedicated to making the high street thrive and returning it to the heart of the community. We have been awarded a grant as part of Enfield Council's 'Stories of Enfield' project to celebrate the life and work of local poet Stevie Smith.

We are looking for an artist to create a text-based, site-specific artwork in celebration of the renowned poet Stevie Smith who grew up and lived in 1 Avondale Road in Palmers Green from 1906 up to her death in 1971. We are seeking proposals that celebrate Stevie Smith's poetry and potentially also her illustrations into one or multiple imaginative artworks to be encountered by local residents and visitors in Palmers Green high street. We expect the artist to select the poem or poems they wish to work with. Smith's poetry is concerned with suffering and mortality. Filled with a dark humour, her work explores the suburbia and what lurks behind appearances. Artist's proposals should consider Stevie Smith's character and the nature of her poetry, which will be reflected in the artwork concept, designs, choice of site and materials.

Artist fee: £2000

Materials fee: up to £1000

Days of work: 6 days (includes meetings, research, concept development and making & installing)

Timeline:

- Deadline for proposals: midnight 8th April 2022
- Shortlisted artists will be invited to meet with members of PGAT to discuss proposals on w/c 18th April. We encourage artists to meet us in Palmers Green but if this is not possible meetings can also take place online.
- Selected proposal: artist notified on 27th April 2022
- Work starts: May/June 2022
- Work delivered by: 31st August 2022

If you have any questions or want to discuss this opportunity, please email Helen Hale at [palmersgreenactionteam@gmail.com](mailto:palmersgreenactionteam@gmail.com) or call 07816 775 605

**For a project pack and to find out how to apply please express your interest by email to [palmersgreenactionteam@gmail.com](mailto:palmersgreenactionteam@gmail.com)**

We particularly encourage experienced artists to apply.

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