

Cultural Consortium Project Proposals for Commonwealth Games Legacy Fund

Christmas Time Song for Brierley Hill

Following the success of the Beauty of Brierley Hill song and the Brierley Hill Song Book, we would like to commission an artist to work with local people to plan, write and record a song in time for November 2024. With your project the public will be engaged at local workshops where they can attend and add their memories, thoughts and voices to a song about Christmas time here in Brierley Hill.

There should be a minimum of three workshops to engage with the public here, of which you could work with a range from local schools, library or community groups and the general public from the street. At these workshops the attendees should be welcomed to add their own thoughts and ideas to the songs lyrics and content, maybe even add some music if they can play an instrument or be encouraged to use simple to learn percussion devices.

The song needs to be catchy and fun, ready to go in time for this Christmas (mid November 2024). It needs to be available to download on recognised platforms, either for free or potentially to support a local charity such as the Food Bank.

The artist or team involved needs to have the skills to work with community groups, assist in writing, playing instruments on, and recording the song to a high standard for final production. Some performances may be required as part of the project for press and media or at the Light Switch on Event here, but this can be negotiable.

Please send a proposal (instructions below) with an outline of costs to culture@brierleyhill.net covering artist time, workshop costs and venue hire, recording and publishing costs. Plus any other costs you feel are required to complete the project. Support will be given by the Brierley Hill Cultural Consortium to find groups, venues and establish connections to assist you, if required.

If you have your own ideas for other cultural projects in Brierley Hill, to complete between now and early December 2024, please get in touch using the same method/email address.

To bid for funding, please send us as much information as you can about your plan/idea covering the headings below (MAX two pages).

1. Your project idea.
2. Proposal of how the project will run.
3. Timeline of workshops and activities.
4. Budget for the total cost of project with a brief breakdown of spend.
5. Outputs and impact (what will your project add to the community?).
6. Any other notes you feel are relative for consideration.