A window into the collection:

Royal Museums Greenwich

Royal Museums Greenwich comprises the Royal Observatory, Cutty Sark, National Maritime Museum, Queen's House, and Prince Philip Maritime Collections Centre. Together we are dedicated to enriching people's understanding of the sea, the exploration of space, and Britain's role in world history.

The Project:

A window into the collection

The collections at Royal Museums Greenwich provide context to the society we live in, but they reflect the interests and biases of the people who assembled them. Some aspects of history are better represented than others. Our role within the learning team is to empower people to become active citizens in their own learning and understanding of the world.

The aim of this project is to create a visual welcome for the local communities of the surrounding area to Royal Museums Greenwich's storage and conservation studio: Prince Philip Maritime Collection Centre.

Kidbrooke has been home to RMG's collection since the 1970s but, with the completion of the state-of-the-art Prince Philip Maritime Collection Centre in 2018, the site evolved its purpose from a storage facility to an inclusive collection centre and conservation studio. Where previously admission to the stores was by invite only, we are now proud to allow access to the objects, their stories and the skills that conserve them like never before.

The aim of Royal Museums Greenwich's A Window into the Collection project is to create a visualization of the link between local communities and the collection.

Participants will be sourced from Lee Green, Blackheath and Greenwich Women Institute and Royal Borough of Greenwich Youth services. They will be invited to respond

to RMG's Solebay Tapestry, woven by Thomas and Francis Poyntz to designs by Willem van de Velde the Elder. This monumental tapestry depicts the burning of the Royal James at the Battle of Solebay, 28 May 1672. It is currently being conserved for display in the Queen's House in 2023.

Using 11 bricked-up windows on a former RAF storage building as our canvas, we will look to bring equality of voice to underrepresented communities, presenting stories that celebrate and share an understanding of the intersectionality of Britain.

We want an artist or a collective of creative persons to facilitate the voices of others to help more people to find their connection with the collection.

The opportunit y:

We are seeking a creative practitioner or artists' collective with experience in a public/schools participatory practice to produce an outline and outcome for a collaborative community response within the grounds of the Prince Philip Maritime Collection Centre.

This project is focused on creating an inclusive, collaborative, community response in partnership with Lee Green W.I. and young people from Greenwich Youth Services.

The desired outcome is to visualise and facilitate the local communities' perspectives and connections to the collection using the conservation of the Solebay Tapestry as a source of inspiration

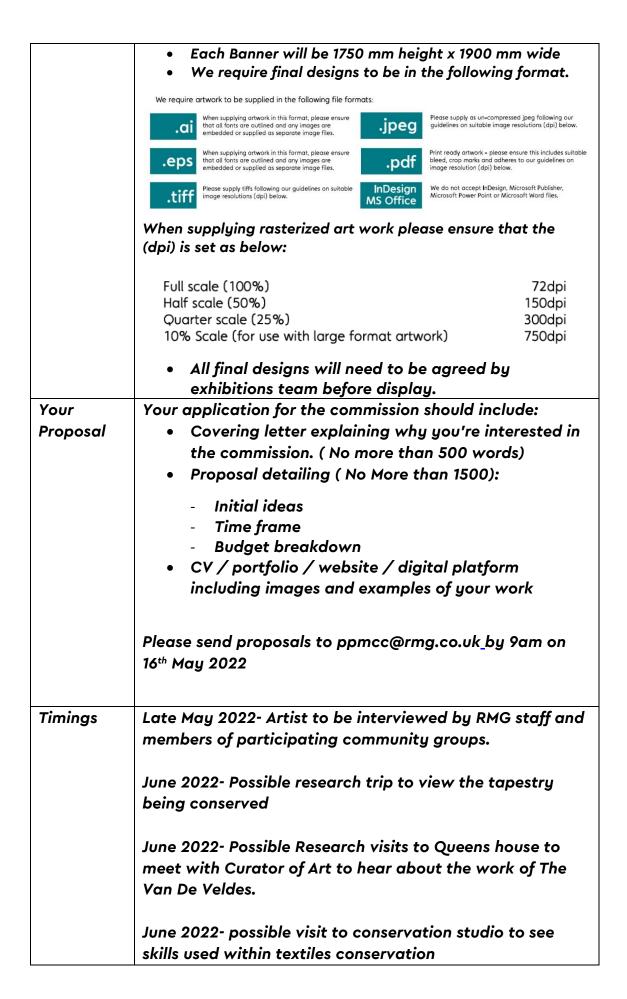
We are interested in receiving applications from creatives who have a background in textiles and design as we hope the final design evokes textile imagery despite the end product being a print image.

This project is committed to our core values of identity, equality and community and should be explored with creativity, curiosity and ingenuity.

Aims and objectives

 To use the Solebay tapestry as a source of inspiration, drawing on the relevance of its history

of the and manufacture to the selected community project: groups. To create a diverse, eye-catching, community focused, participant driven visual outcome on 11 banners. To facilitate new relationships and understanding between different generations within the local area. To support the participants to learn and appreciate the conservation processes that the tapestry is going through. To reflect and portray the local communities' voices. To collaborate with and facilitate the ideas of two groups from different age groups. To tell a range of stories or connections using a unique visual language. To communicate RMG's values and commitments to creating a more equitable society for communities of colour. Expected To engage, involve and collaborate with 14 participants (7 young persons and 7 retirees) in a outcomes creative process. for this To run workshops to inspire our participants and piece of create source material for the final design. work To design 11 digital images that will be produced into banners that will cover 11 bricked up windows. To produce banners that evoke either the visual nature of textiles or celebrates/presents the processes used within the conservation of the tapestry or similar textiles within the collection To be inclusive and representative of multiple perspectives. To create a visual outcome that compliments yet respects its surrounding environment of a former RAF base built in the early 20th century. To create an eye catching, creative and engaging visual which will encourage new visitors to explore the stores at PPMCC. Final banner designs will need to fit into 11 existing Scope and tension frames. exclusions



	June 2022- Artist to lead a minimum of 4 workshops over 4 weeks to create source material for the final designs. (Please note community groups have a preference for Wednesday afternoons or evenings)
	July 2022 - Art to compose final designs
	Early August 2022- Artist to send final designs to Royal Museums Greenwich for approval
	•September 2022- Sign Systems to print and hang final banners at PPMCC.
	•10 September 2022- official unveiling of Tapestry at Heritage open days
Fees and budget	Artist fee for production and Facilitation.
	Material costs for work shops
	£300 Total fee of £4300
	Please note materials for final banners will not come from artist fee
Deadline for	23 rd of May 2022 Interviews to be held on Monday 30 th of May 2022
proposals	interviews to be new on Fronday of of Flag 2022