

HORIZONS FESTIVAL VISUAL ART COMMISSION

Deadline to apply:	Mon 30 March 2026, 12pm Midday
Outcome announced:	Friday 10 April 2026
Creating period:	April – May 2026
Artwork deadline:	Mon 11 May 2025
Artwork delivery - deadline:	Fri 15 May 2025
Install date:	Mon 8 June 2026
Fee:	£1000

ELIGIBILITY

- You must be a resident in Greater Manchester
- You must have lived experience of displacement or seeking sanctuary
- You must have the Right to Work in the UK
- You must be 18+

COMMISSION DETAILS

HOME and CAN are commissioning an artist to create an original new artwork for exhibition during this year's *Horizons Festival*. The artwork will be reproduced at large scale and showcased on the exterior of HOME's building for up to 6 weeks.

The Artwork can be created in any 2D medium such as:

- Illustration
- Painting
- Drawing
- Printmaking
- Digital illustration
- Photography
- Collage
- Any other 2D media

The original artwork once submitted to HOME, will be photographed, digitally enlarged, printed in vinyl and installed onto a prominent position on the outside of the HOME building by HOME.

We encourage artists to use our description of the festival as a guideline and welcome you to interpret migration as you wish – more detail about the festival and values can be found below.

Your artwork will be accompanied by either a blog, panel discussion, Q&A session or an introduction to contextualise your work.

PREVIOUS EXAMPLES

Here are two examples of previous artwork commissions in this window space:



'Mamela'

by Nisa Chisipochinyi

Horizons Festival 2024

<https://homemcr.org/exhibition/nisa-chisipochinyi-mamela/>



'Pass Us Our Oyster Knives'

by Jessica Ilatoda

Black History Month 2023

<https://homemcr.org/exhibition/pass-us-our-oyster-knives/>

TECHNICAL NOTES/SPACE LIMITATIONS:

- The artwork will cross 2 window panels. The artwork will be installed in 2 separate panels.
- There will be a 25mm gap down the centre of your design. This results in a black line (created by the window frame) that will run down the centre of the design. You may wish to take this into account of your design. Please see how artists have worked with this in example images above.
- The dimension of each window is: 1840mm wide x 3880mm tall. In total the full dimensions are 3680mm wide x 3880mm tall. (slightly taller than a square)
- If you wish to use the full space available, we suggest creating a **square** design. Please see 'Pass Us Our Oyster Knives' above for an examples of this.
- Please note that you can work in any dimensions, and we will ensure the largest version of the artwork is reproduced. Please see example 'Mamela' above, which uses the full width of the windows, but not the full height.
- You can work in any size to create the original artwork, however, please note that the smaller you work, the more detail that may be lost in the reproduction process. We recommend working to a minimum of 60 x 60 cms.

SUPPORT PACKAGE

There is **one commission available** which will receive the following package of support:

- £1000 of funding (£500 in April, £500 in June)
- Advice and support from HOME's Creative Development Practitioner during production in the form of regular meetings and technical support
- HOME to produce the installation.
- Promotion and marketing of the artwork on HOME's website and socials
- Artwork exhibited at HOME for up to 6 weeks.
- Support with career next steps

HOW TO APPLY

Please explain to us how you would approach the commission, any ideas you have, visual style etc through **one or more** of the following:

- a short description of your idea (no more than 500 words)
- a visual sketch or project proposal
- a short video (no more than 2 minutes)

You should also include a sentence or two about yourself and your interest in art.

You may also include:

- Any previous creative work

- A link to your work on social media or website
- Your portfolio

Please submit your application to: horizons@homemcr.org

All ideas will be considered by a panel from HOME and Community Arts North West.. Unfortunately, we cannot provide individualised feedback to all applicants.

If you have any questions or access requirements related to this application, please email: horizons@homemcr.org

ABOUT HORIZONS FESTIVAL

Horizons Festival celebrates the enduring power of creativity by international artists who have made Manchester their home through migration. HOME and Community Arts North West present a provocative and stimulating programme of film, theatre, music, visual art alongside workshops and discussion. Horizons 2026 will take place on Friday 12 June and Saturday 13 June.

Horizons Festival aims:

- To share a wide range of international voices and global issues, through an artistic programme that is accessible to people on different incomes or none
- To question some of the negative ideas about refugees, asylum seekers and migrants that we hear in the press
- To highlight issues that affect refugees, asylum seekers and migrants, and to encourage action

Horizons Festival Values: *kindness, honesty, justice, equality, and respect.*