



THE MEGA DRAWING BOX IN THE PARK

Artist Commission

Application Deadline: Thursday 17th July 2025 at 12 Noon

Fee: £300

Keighley Creative are looking for **seven visual artists** from Keighley and surrounding areas to produce creative responses on the outer walls of the Mega Drawing Box, LIVE for the visiting public.

Who are Keighley Creative?

Keighley Creative is an arts charity operating in the heart of Keighley co-designing and delivering exciting projects and fun activities with local artists, communities, organisations and businesses.

WHAT IS THE PROJECT?

The Drawing Box Project was founded in 2020, inspired by Keighley Creative artists & studio holders Naseem Darbey and Gemma Hobbs. The project ran throughout the COVID-19 crisis as a way of supporting community connection and wellbeing through creative practice.

Around 500 individuals and families in and around Keighley received a special drawing box full of materials and ideas to get creative at home. New activities were released each week through digital platforms, worksheets and participatory performances taking place at Keighley Creative, 'live from the gallery window'.

Since then it has expanded and evolved to reach new audiences and new places. In 2023, things got MEGA and Keighley Creative produced a giant white walled drawing cube and delivered a drawing event in the Old Beales Department Store! We celebrated drawing, with dancers who drew with charcoal feet, Keighley folk made their mark with crazy mark making tools and artists created murals on the outside of the cube.

[Mega Drawing Box Highlights Film](#)

[Mega Drawing Box Timelapse](#)

Now it's time to take the MEGA Drawing Box on another adventure to The Beacon for Bradford 2025 at Cliffe Castle Park for ONE DAY ONLY!

What's the opportunity?

We are looking for **seven visual artists** from Keighley and surrounding areas to produce creative responses to Keighley Creative's chosen theme, on the outer walls of the Mega Drawing Box. LIVE for the visiting public!

What's the theme? - NATURE!

The Mega Drawing Box is an approximately 8 metre by 8 metre structure that will take residence in the Bradford 2025 Beacon on **Wednesday 6th August 2025**. This large scale installation is a space for the public to make marks and play with creativity all over its walls.

The seven selected artists will be provided with an approximately 2 metre by 2 metre white wall (*see example in appendix 2*) to create a mural inspired by the theme of **NATURE**.

The live art works will be created between the hours of 12:00pm - 4:00pm and 5:30pm - 10:00pm on Wednesday 6th August 2025.

The purpose of these artist commissions is to inspire visitors to get creative inside the Mega Drawing Box.

Important Information

- The use of the following materials is **not permitted**: spray paint, french chalk, wax powder, glitter and crystals.
- The mural you create may be exhibited again publicly after the event but you will be contacted prior should this be the case.
- This will be a durational piece of work, each artist will need to work within the specified time frame detailed above **on Wednesday 6th August**.
- The murals need to be suitable for all ages, this is a family-friendly event.

Personal Specification

- You must be over 18 to apply for this position.
- You should have some experience of working on a large scale or be confident to scale your artwork up.
- You should be confident working in front of visitors who may be curious and want to interact with you.
- You should feel confident to start and complete your mural during the event in the times specified above.
- You should be inspired by the theme of nature.
- You must be available on Wednesday 6th August 2025.

The fee for this commission is as follows:

£150 (half day rate) for 12pm-4pm

£150 (half day rate) for 5:30pm-10pm

You must provide your own materials.

How to apply

To apply, you will need to complete **an application** and **an equal opportunities form**.

- [Application Form](#)
- **Equal Opportunities Form (see appendix 1)**

If you would prefer you can submit a 3 minute video or audio recording answering the application questions (see below) via email to cathryn@keighleycreative.org

Once completed, your application form will automatically be submitted to Keighley Creative. **Please email your equal opportunities form to riaz@keighleycreative.org**

APPLICATION PROCESS

Following the application deadline your application will be reviewed by a panel, who will choose the seven artists for the commission.

We will let you know a decision via email shortly after the deadline.

Submitting a video or audio application

If you are submitting a video or audio application, please include the following in the email: your name, your pronouns, your contact details (email and/or phone number), your postcode and attach an image of your previous work.

Application Questions

1. Tell us about yourself and your past work (include links if you have them).
2. Tell us about your ideas for the mural you would create.
3. Do you feel comfortable drawing in front of lots of people?
4. Do you have any access needs?

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch with cathryn@keighleycreative.org

We welcome applications from people living in Keighley (BD21 & 22 postcodes)

We look forward to receiving your application.

Appendix 1

EQUALITIES & DIVERSITY MONITORING INFORMATION

Keighley Creative recognise the benefits of having a diverse workforce and therefore welcome applications from all sections of the community. We want to meet the aims and commitments set out in our equality policy. This includes not discriminating under the Equality Act 2010, and building an accurate picture of the make-up of our workforce as part of our commitment to equality and diversity.

The organisation needs your help and co-operation to enable it to do this, but filling in this form is voluntary. We ask for your support by answering the series of questions below in order to ascertain who is applying for each position and to ensure that no one is being unfairly discriminated against or disadvantaged.

IMPORTANT: Please can you email back this section of the application form to a different address from your actual application form so you can be assured it will not be used as part of the selection process nor will it be seen by anybody who is shortlisting or who will be interviewing you.

The information collected is only used for monitoring purposes in an anonymised format to assist the organisation in analysing the profile and make up of individuals who apply, are shortlisted for and appointed to each vacancy. In this way, Keighley Creative can continually check that we are complying with the Equality Act 2010.

Please send this form back to our Executive Director, Riaz Meer:
riaz@keighleycreative.org

THE EQUALITY ACT 2010

Protects people against discrimination on the grounds of their age and sex

Please state your date of birth	
Please indicate your gender Put x against the relevant description or add your own definition if you prefer	Male Female I do not wish to disclose this I describe my gender as.....

Protects people's different marital status

Please indicate the option which best describes your marital status Put x against the relevant description or add your own definition if you prefer	Married	Single	Civil Partnership
	Legally separated	Divorced	Widowed
	I do not wish to disclose this		
	I define as:		

Protects people against discrimination on the grounds of their religion or beliefs

Please indicate your religion or belief Put x against the relevant descriptionor add your own definition if none of these are appropriate/relevant	Atheism
	Buddhism
	Christianity
	Hinduism
	Islam
	Jainism
	Judaism
	Sikhism
	I define as:
	I do not wish to disclose this

Protects people against discrimination on the grounds of their race, nationality, and ethnicity

Please indicate your ethnic origin Put an x against the definition you personally relate to, or add your own definition if none of these are appropriate/relevant		
Asian or Asian British	Mixed	Other Ethnic Group

Bangladeshi	White & Asian	Chinese
Indian	White & Black African	Any other ethnic group
Pakistani	White & Black Caribbean	I do not wish to disclose this
Any other Asian background	Any other mixed background	I define as:
Black or Black British	White	
African	British	
Caribbean	Irish	
Any other Black background	Any other White background	

Protects people from discrimination on the grounds of their sexual orientation

Please indicate the option which best describes your sexual orientation Put x against the relevant descriptionor add your own definition if none of these are appropriate/relevant	Lesbian
	Gay
	Bisexual
	Heterosexual
	I do not wish to disclose this
	I define as:

Protects disabled people

Including those with long term health conditions, learning disabilities and "hidden" disabilities such as dyslexia. If you tell us that you have a disability in your main application, we can make reasonable adjustments to ensure that any selection processes - including the interview - are fair and equitable

Do you consider yourself to have a disability?	Yes
	No
	I do not wish to disclose this

Please state the type of disability which applies to you. People may experience more than one type of disability, in which case you may indicate more than one. Put x against the relevant descriptionor add your own definition if none of these are appropriate/relevant	Physical impairment
	Learning Disability/Difficulty
	Sensory impairment
	Long-standing illness
	Mental health condition
	I define my disability/impairment as:
I do not wish to disclose this	

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Appendix 2

Example of the Mega Drawing Box walls you will be working on. Murals will cover approximately two of these.

Please note the placement of the peep holes may vary.

