

Visual Artists for Micro Projects x 4 - Room 13

We are looking for up to four experienced visual artists to deliver a micro-project each, with young people ages 8–25, to help us meet our *More Mountains* programme (2025/26) aims to enable young people to:

- Develop a stronger connection with the community
- Gain skills relevant to their own creative ambitions
- Explore a range of different approaches to contemporary art practice

Proposals are invited for micro-projects that will help young people build creative skills, foster new community links or introduce contemporary ways of making art. These could be workshops, events, talks or walks, and could involve the wider community. They should facilitate young people's meaningful engagement with the creative process and be responsive to their ambitions and abilities.

Key Details

Micro-project fee: £450, for 1.5 days (inclusive of preparation, delivery & reflection) + travel

Materials: £50 (per artist)

Based: Room 13 Studios, Caol Community Centre, Caol, Highland

Deadline: Wednesday 17th September at 5pm

Timescale: Projects should be delivered between 10th October 2025 (October holiday/first week only) and 24th July 2026

Status: This is a self-employed/freelance position

Eligibility: Ideally, you will have a track-record (evidenced by a current CV) of delivering high-quality work in educational or community settings. We will also consider proposals from individuals with other relevant experience - this could include support-work, teaching or community engagement. We are particularly keen to hear from artists within Lochaber, to support the arts ecology of the area and to minimise the impact and costs of travel.

Project Proposal – Details

Your proposal should give an outline of your practice and how you plan to deliver your project. We'd like to hear how your contribution will enable young people to learn new skills, strengthen their connections with the community or build their awareness of contemporary art practices. The word-cloud below gives an outline of the young people's current interests:



Tell us whether your project is aimed at a specific age group or whether it could involve a range of ages. Tell us when and how your project would happen. Existing sessions that projects could fit into are as follows:

Mondays: young adults 12 - 3.30pm; potential after-school session for primary; c.4pm-5pm

Wednesdays: S1-S6 drop-in 6pm-9pm

Fridays: S1-S6 drop-in 2pm-4pm.

Please outline in your application how you propose to use your time - you may choose to spread your engagement across a number of sessions e.g. 4 x 2-hour sessions on Wednesday evenings or a two-part workshop over a weekend, or as newly timetabled activity during holiday times or occasional weekends. As well as broadening the experiences of those coming to Room 13 regularly, we are keen to schedule activities that help meet demand or attract new groups of young people. Lead Artist Richard Bracken and Room 13 studio reps. will provide support to develop, co-ordinate and promote activities - these could be based in Room 13 studios, or outdoors at appropriate locations around Caol village, Caol shore, the canal basin/towpath.

How to Apply: (if you require specific support when making an application, let us know)

Please submit the following to admin@room13international.org in a single pdf document with **Room 13 Micro Projects Application** in the subject heading:

- Your project proposal and timeline with a description of how your arts practice fits with Room 13's 2025/26 *More Mountains* programme aims (max one side of A4)
- Your CV detailing relevant experience, contact details and two referees
- Six images of your work that best supports your application – this can be in any form (images, films, texts, testimonials etc., links to online video or other online resources).

We will acknowledge receipt of applications by email, if you do not receive an email, please contact us. All selected artists will be subject to PVG checks in advance of the proposed activity (we can support you with this process).

Room 13:

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Selection: Shortlisting will take place in the week beginning 22nd September 2025. We will be inviting selected artists to have a brief chat with us the week beginning 29th September, in the Room 13 studio if possible, online otherwise. The selection panel will consist of young people from Room 13, Lead Artist Richard Bracken and Fiona Macdonald General/Project Manager. Applicants will be informed of decisions by Friday 26th September.

Background to Room 13

Room 13 is a visual arts charity for young people ages 8-25, based in art studios in Caol Community Centre, in Lochaber, Highland. We provide materials, equipment and the support of professional artists in a welcoming space where young people explore their potential on their own terms, taking the lead in their own development and in the creative direction of Room 13. All our sessions are free for young people to access.

One of our key *More Mountains* programme aims for 2025/26 is to create stronger links between young people and our community - we want to create opportunities for young people to socialise with and learn from peers, adult artists and creative professionals, and share their artwork and skills with a wider audience of their families, youth groups, teachers, support staff and local residents. For further information please contact us at admin@room13international.org or give us a call on **01397 709 644** (leave a message and we'll get back to you).

Equal Opportunities

It is Room 13's policy that there will be no discrimination on the grounds of gender, race, ethnic origin, marital status, religious belief, sexual orientation, disability, age, nationality or national origin in any matters to do with engaging with Room 13.

GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018

Room 13 will use the information submitted in this application form solely for the purposes of this recruitment process.