



## **Brief for Artists**

Small Commissions Programme 2012

### **FACT OR FICTION - TEMPORARY INSTALLATIONS**

#### Introduction

Morley Literature Festival is seeking to commission 4 Leeds-based artists to create temporary public signage for a town-centre art trail as part of this year's Morley Literature Festival (6-14 October 2012)

#### Background

Morley Literature Festival is Leeds' annual book festival, supported by Leeds City Council and Arts Council England. The festival is largely based in Morley, a former mill town in south Leeds with a strong local identity and a history of working class culture.

As well as attracting a broad range of authors to the festival (including Ian Rankin, Iain Banks, Lucy Worsley, Stuart Maconie and Mark Radcliffe) we commission cross-art projects with the aim of engaging local audiences in imaginative and unexpected ways.

#### Morley Stories - Fact or Fiction?

We have been awarded funding from Leeds Inspired (under their 2012 theme Playful) towards a site-specific project for Morley Town Centre during the 2012 festival. Central to this is a new commission by renowned audiovisual artist Paul Rooney. Paul will be creating a new videowork to be projected from one of the empty shops in Morley during the two weeks of the festival. Paul's work will blur factual and fictional moments from Morley history.

Alongside this we have four small commissions for Leeds-based visual artists to create street signs for Morley's pedestrian precinct responding to the Fact/Fiction theme (e.g. Blue Plaques, Public Notices).

An interactive online google map will encourage the public to discover and map these quirky signs for themselves, treasure-hunt style.

### Commission Details

We are looking to commission work that

- Playfully responds to the festival's theme of Fact / Fiction
- Is a form of public signage
- Is suitable for its location and the two-week installation (e.g. if it is a externally sited notice, will it be weatherproof?)

### Fee offer:

- £200 artists fee per commission. There is also a materials budget of up to £200 attached to each commission.
- Free tickets to events within Morley Literature Festival

### Applications:

Please submit an expression of interest in the form of a short CV or biography plus a statement about the kind of piece you would like to develop for the project.

Application deadline:

22nd June at 5pm

Please submit applications by email to [jenny@morleyliteraturefestival.co.uk](mailto:jenny@morleyliteraturefestival.co.uk)

