THE ANCHOR CENTRE

Courtyards

Background
Grampian Hospitals Art Trust (GHAT) is committed to ensuring access to art for all by commissioning professional artists to deliver quality projects within challenging public healthcare settings and undertaking continuous action research within the arts and wellbeing sector. We have created the only commissioning, contemporary arts space to be found in an acute hospital in Britain with unique opening hours for a gallery - 24/7. GHAT strives to highlight culture as a key component of wellbeing and is a sector leader in developing bespoke arts projects for people visiting, working or utilising the services within hospitals and healthcare.

The ANCHOR Centre
The ANCHOR Centre will be a state-of-the-art, purpose-built facility for oncology and haematology out-patient and day-patient services to enhance and support the provision of clinical care. The ANCHOR Centre is one of two new facilities opening on the Foresterhill Health Campus, as part of the Scottish Government's £244.8 million investment into building development on the site.

Following a public consultation exercise in 2015, it was decided that the new facility would be called **The ANCHOR Centre** in line with the 'ANCHOR' brand (Aberdeen and North Centre for Haematology, Oncology and Radiotherapy) and its affiliated charity, Friends of ANCHOR, with the branding being in use for 25 years this year.

The Centre will bring together the following services:

- Oncology day-patients and out-patients
- Haematology day-patients and out-patients
- Pharmacy
- Research and Teaching Facilities
- Non-Clinical Support Services
- Radiotherapy

This new centre will be located at the south of the east end of the Foresterhill Health Campus, adjoining to the existing Radiotherapy Centre to create a single facility for all patients using Haematology, Oncology and Radiotherapy day- and out-patient services.

Key project facts:

- The centre will be around 5,500m² in size.
- The centre will open for patients September 2023.
- There will be around 65,000 out-patients using the centre each year, with approximately 250 patients attending each day for care or treatment.

GHAT have been working with NHS Grampian to deliver the arts and environment programme for both facilities. An Arts and Environment strategy has developed through engagement with the stakeholders with the Aim

To create a well-designed, person centred and positive visual environment for patients, staff and visitors.

The Brief:
GHAT is seeking applicants who can demonstrate strong visual art and design skills, with a practice with a background in gardening or landscaping. They will also require a background in consultation methods which include the stakeholders in the design of the work. The role of the artist/landscaper will be to work with GHAT, NHS Grampian other key stakeholders to create work for The ANCHOR Centre's 6 external courtyards. The some of the courtyards will be fully accessible while others will be closed to public access however all will be visible from other parts of the building.

These courtyards are focal points for the users of the building, giving a view of the outside. The aim of this commission is the creation of engaging and accessible outside spaces.

All work must be manufactured and installed by May 2023.

The Artist will work closely with NHSG staff and patient groups to:

- integrate artwork into the full environmental design linking architecture, interior design and wayfinding;
- create artwork which will sustain the interest of viewers and that will not readily date and which retains interest on repeated viewing;
- create artwork which is visually interesting, relevant and promotes a positive sense of wellbeing;
- make effective use of links with the organisations and groups in the immediate area.

The project will be managed by the GHAT Senior Manager Projects with support from a dedicated Project Assistant.

Experience:
GHAT is looking for someone who is a graduate with at least two years' experience, and who has gardening or horticulture as a key component of their art practise.

Desired skills:
1. Knowledge of contemporary arts practice at a national and international level.
2. Knowledge of the skills required to deliver a socially engaged participatory project
3. Experience in landscaping or knowledge of horticulture.

Main tasks for this brief:

The Artist will work with GHAT to prioritise the following tasks.

- Deliver workshops and consultation sessions to NHS Grampian services, patient groups and other key stakeholders including e.g. Friends of ANCHOR contributors which will inform the design of the artwork

- Liaise with the Project Manager to ensure all artwork materials and installation is compliant with NHS Grampian Health and Safety and Infection Control policies

- Engage with Interior Design Strategy and the Arts and Environment Strategy

- Produce fully costed designs which will be signed off by NHS Grampian and GHAT
- Work with other artists on site
- Source manufacturers
- Timetable installation of artworks
- Agreeing and coordinating infrastructure arrangements

Budget:

The budget for this brief is:

Artist Fee **£15,000 (including VAT)** payable in in a pattern to be agreed between GHAT and the artist.

Consultation, design, production, installation and all associated costs **£105,000 (including VAT)**

The budget will include

- the artists fee
- all travel for site visits and workshops/consultations
- all materials and expenses
- fabrication and installation costs
- Infrastructure costs for installation

Supporting Material

The ANCHOR Centre Arts and Environment Strategy
https://www.ghat-art.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Anchor-Centre-Art-Strategy-version-22-Sept-21-draft-TG.3.pdf

Interior Design Strategy
https://www.ghat-art.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/ANCHOR-Interior-Design-Strategy-June-2018.pdf

The ANCHOR Centre website
https://www.bairdanchor.org/the-anchor-centre/

The ANCHOR Centre virtual fly through
https://youtu.be/ItgCCfQFjMo

THE ANCHORED Together Appeal
https://www.friendsofanchor.org/index.php/anchored-together

Working for Grampian Hospitals Art Trust
GHAT is based in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen. Some of the team are based in the office and others work within their project site such as the Artroom Artists. This post will be based in the main GHAT office of Aberdeen Royal Infirmary.

At present there are 14 staff members with another 10 volunteers who support the delivery of our

core programme of activity.

GHAT is and independent charity lead by a board of 14 Trustees. The Trustees are responsible for the governance and strategic development of the charity. More can be seen at www.ghat-art.org.uk

Application process:
Artists are invited to send a project proposal (maximum 2 pages) outlining how they would approach this project, showing details of;

Methodology
Stakeholder engagement
Budget allocation

Applications must include a CV and visual documentation of previous work that demonstrates any relevant creative, technical or design skills.

All supporting material should be clearly marked with your name. Anything over 5mb please send by WeTransfer.

Please give the name of two referees.

Applications are to be submitted via email with '**ANCHOR Application – Courtyards'** in the subject line to

tamsin.greenlaw@nhs.scot

Deadline: Thursday 1st September 2022 – 5pm

Interview: Thursday 6th October 2022

Contact for this opportunity is

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