



## **Commission Brief – Connecting Ramsgreave & Wilpshire Railway Station**

Artist Project connecting people to Ramsgreave & Wilpshire Railway Station.

September 2019 – March 2020

Artists Fee £10,000 (inclusive of VAT)

Deadline for Applications: 5pm Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019

Interview Date: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019

### **Brief**

Connecting East Lancashire working in partnership with Community Rail Lancashire is seeking to commission an artist (partnership, collective or organisation) to help raise the profile, awareness, access and engagement with Ramsgreave & Wilpshire Railway Station.

The selected artist will engage with the local community and visitors to Ramsgreave & Wilpshire including the Friends of Ribble Valley Stations, 1 Ribble Valley & 1 Blackburn with Darwen High School, in order to generate a number of temporary and permanent works. The works may:

- Improve the visibility of the station
- Improve signage around the station
- Improve the user experience of the station

The artist will be expected to work collaboratively throughout the project both with the public and with the stakeholders in the partnership.

### **Stages**

**Phase One:** September - November 2019. Research, engagement/creative consultation activities to inform designs and ideas for works around the railway station.

**Phase Two:** December – March 2020. Presentation/agreement of designs and budget for final works, produce works, installation of works complete by 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

## **Outputs**

Minimum of 8 creative consultation / activity sessions with the local high schools, including pre-visit railway safety briefing at the school and visit to the railway station delivered and supported by Lancashire Rail Partnership:

- A series of permanent / semi-permanent artworks, co-produced with the local groups and approved by the railway bodies where appropriate to be installed in Ramsgreave & Wilpshire Station and its surroundings.

## **How to Apply**

Please submit a covering letter (email) with following attachments:

- An outline of your interest in the project and initial ideas for your potential approach (max 500 words).
- A statement detailing your relevant experience (max 500 words).
- Curriculum Vitae
- Up to five examples of your work – either within a document (max.10mb per email) or web links.
- Names and contact details for two referees – references will only be requested if you are shortlisted.

Applications and enquiries to be sent to:

[katherine.rodgers@ribblevalley.gov.uk](mailto:katherine.rodgers@ribblevalley.gov.uk)

## **Deadlines**

Applications to be received by 5pm Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019

Shortlisted artists will be notified by 5pm Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Interviews Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

### **Connecting East Lancashire (Projects Lead Partner)**

Connecting East Lancashire is a Lancashire County Council project funded by the Department For Transport (DFT) with the purpose of:

- Broadening travel horizons
- Increasing physical activity & wellbeing
- Reducing congestion & carbon emissions to improve air quality and the local environment
- Enable more people to access employment, training & education.

The project engages with a wide range of businesses, local organisations and communities to support these objectives. One of the priorities of Connecting East Lancashire is to promote and encourage active travel (walking, cycling and use of public transport). As part of the project, an audit of the railway stations within East Lancashire was undertaken, which included a review of Ramsgreave & Wilpshire Railway Station, where the potential for growth at the railway station was identified. A large number of school pupils use the railway line as well as commuters to Manchester and surrounding areas. Further expansion is also anticipated with the wide range of nearby new housing.

The Connecting East Lancashire project has an ambition to develop this community engagement project to look at how it can support the ambiance and 'feel' of the railway station, sign the access and work with other interested local organisations to make a positive difference.

[www.connectingeastlancashire.org.uk](http://www.connectingeastlancashire.org.uk)

### **Community Rail Lancashire (Projects Accountable Body)**

Community Rail Lancashire is a partnership between Network Rail, the train operating company, local councils, community organisations such as rail user groups and other stakeholders, supported by the Association Of Community Rail Partnerships (ACORP) and the D.F.T. Their team and volunteers work to improve their community rail lines, stations and services.

The organisation will support the project by providing the involved schools with pre visit safety briefings and accompany the schools on any of their visits; offering assistance and knowledge.

<https://www.communityraillancashire.co.uk/>

### **Ramsgreave & Wilpshire Railway Station**

The station serves the two Ribbles Valley borough villages, Ramsgreave and Wilpshire on the Blackburn borough border in Lancashire, England. The station is on the Clitheroe line, which links Manchester Victoria, with Clitheroe. The station is managed by Northern and

operated by Network Rail. The station only has basic facilities, is unstaffed, has stepped access and no waiting room though there is a shelter, ticket vending machine, passenger information screens, timetable posters, PA system providing running information, car parking for 6 cars. The station is well looked after by the Friends of Ribble Valley Stations.

[www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ramsgreave\\_and\\_Wilpshire\\_railway\\_station](http://www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ramsgreave_and_Wilpshire_railway_station)

[www.communityraillancashire.co.uk/stations/ramsgreave-wilpshire/](http://www.communityraillancashire.co.uk/stations/ramsgreave-wilpshire/)

## **Partner Organisations**

Other partner organisations for this project include but not exclusive to, Ribble Valley Borough Council, Blackburn with Darwen Council who's Arts Officers will be advising the project from an artistic view point and liaising with the schools involved, Friends of Ribble Valley Railway Stations, Ribblesdale School (Ribble Valley) and Pleckgate High School (Blackburn) both schools tbc.