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The People's Tree

Brief - Application and timeline

The application process:

1. Fill in your details on our [Artist Database](#)
If you are already registered, thanks. No action needed.
If you want to update your details, register as a new record with your new update.
2. Email your expression of interest information to admin@helixarts.com. Add **The People's Tree Artist Recruitment** to the Subject line with the role, for example **- storycatcher or community artists and/or schools artists."** Please include:
 - A short (max 2 minutes) basic film or voice note briefly outlining:
 - your artistic practice
 - why you want to work on The People's Tree project
 - what you will bring to The People's Tree project

This does not have to have fancy production. A selfie phone film is great for us.

Films can also be sent to our Business Whatsapp using 0191 241 4931. Share your name and role if you choose this option.

- A link to examples of your work in school and/or community settings.
This could be a CV, portfolio or website
- Contact information for two references who know your work with communities and/or young people
- Please sign off with your full name and preferred contact number

If you wish to submit an alternative format due to access this is fine. We are just trying to get a dynamic impression of you and your passion and how they align to our values and this project.

The deadline for expressions of interest is 9am on Thursday 10 September 2026.

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3. Shortlisted artists will be asked to share their ideas at an interview on **Thursday 17 September 2026.**

If you don't hear from us by **15 September 2026** you have unfortunately not been shortlisted.

We also have some handy tips and information on these FAQs.
Please read these before you contact us please.

Timeline

Thursday 10 September, 9am	Deadline for Expressions of Interest
Friday 11 September	Shortlisted artists will be invited to interview
Thursday 17 September	Interviews
Monday 21 September	Successful artists appointed
Saturday 26 September	Selected artists invited to attend Open Quay weekend in North Shields
AUTUMN 2026	Delivery starts

If you have any enquiries about the brief or need further information, please contact sarah.jones@helixarts.com, 0191 241 4931 who will respond on 25 August or from 1 September 2026.

Later in the autumn we will also be looking for a sound technician, film-maker, photographer and curator to join the project team.

[Join our mailing list to find out about these opportunities.](#)

[Find out more about the commission and our plans for the project.](#)