**MEET ME AT THE BLUE BOX**

Hull’s most famous meeting point is set return to the streets of the city- with a new, bolder, voice.

This November, the beloved Blue Box of Paragon Bus Station will be returning to the city as part of an engaging contemporary art installation. Travelling around Hull, the replica newsstand will pop-up and promote the upcoming Turner Prize by hosting unique publications and zines which voice our local community’s experiences of contemporary art.

The Blue Box will encourage, share and celebrate our opinions of art in numerous locations before reaching its final destination point at Ferens Art Gallery as part of the Turner Prize exhibition.

Over two months, Hack and Host artists will be delivering a series of workshops in five communities across the city. Exploring themes of communication and sharing opinions, the focus of the sessions is to discuss the participant’s experience of contemporary art. Workshops will be targeted towards people who spread the word naturally and teach through conversation in their day-to-day lives; from taxi drivers to hairdressers. The discussions will then be used to inform a new collection of newspapers created by Hack and Host artists to tour in new Blue Box.

**Stage 1**

Workshops - AUGUST/SEPTEMBER Hack & Host artists hold a series of workshops with 5 community groups across the city. The workshops are based around each person’s experience of contemporary art and will explore themes of communication and sharing opinions.

1st workshop to include a tour of the turner prize followed by a conversation. Participants encouraged to share images and thoughts on social media. These will be collected and used in the second workshop.

2nd workshop is with a writer and a hack and host artist to record opinions through a range of activities.

**Stage 2**

Creating the publications - SEPTEMBER Hack and host artists develop the zines and publication for the blue box.

**Stage 3**

The tour **The Blue Box**travels the city to locations chosen by the community groups. We share information with passers-by and encourage interest in the turner prize. Workshop participants, coffee volunteers and the public are invited to meet us at the blue box.

**Stage 4**

TURNER//RETURN - November **The Blue Box** returns to the Feren’s for the late on Thursday 16th November.

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| **Item** | **Description** | **Cost** |
| The blue box build | Design and build of Blue box including materials – Jon Keen to build | £2000 |
| The Blue Box | Decorating and branding blue box – Hack and Host artists. 2 days@180 per day plus materials, paint etc. | £360 - time  £300 - Materials |
| Artist fees | 10 workshops half day- £90 per artist per session. | £900 |
| Writer(Jamie Potter?) | 5 workshops  Assisting with publication – 2 days | £450  £360 |
| Refreshments | Coffee, tea, juice etc | £160 |
| Publication prep | 4 days @ £180 per day for design and development of publication | £720 |
| Materials | Workshop materials | £500 |
| Transport | Transport for groups to attend Turner Prize workshop @ferens  Transport of Blue Box – Use Cofc van | £250    ??? |
| Printing | Printing publication on newsprint – Not many local newsprint sources available. Meeting with HDM to discuss their support of the project and printing final publication for us. They are very keen to support this project. |  |
| Management fee | To include workshop prep, concept, design, management of social media accounts, marketing etc | £2000 |
|  | **BUDGET TOTAL** | **£8000** |