**JOB DESCRIPTION**

**POST:** Turner Prize 2017 Curator

**FEE:** £25,000

**LOCATION:** Hull

**CONTRACT TYPE:** Freelance

**PERIOD**: April 2017 to Jan 2018.

Commitment anticipated to be full-time May-October and average 2-3 days p/w April & Nov, Dec, Jan

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:**

In 2017, the eyes of the world are on Hull as it becomes UK City of Culture. As part of a programme of 365 days of transformative culture, Hull will host the 2017 Turner Prize. The prize will be delivered by Hull UK City of Culture 2017 Ltd. working in partnership with Tate and Ferens Art Gallery.

Established in 1984, the Turner Prize is awarded to a British artist under fifty for an outstanding exhibition or other presentation of their work in the preceding twelve months. Ferens Art Gallery will host an exhibition of the four nominated artists’ work between September 2017 and January 2018. The winner will be announced in early December in an awards ceremony held in Hull and broadcast live on the BBC.

The Turner Prize Project Team will include two Curators, one appointed by Hull 2017 (in post) and this post, to be appointed to the Ferens Art Gallery team.

The two Curators will be pivotal to the successful delivery of Turner Prize 2017, each taking responsibility for working closely with two of the four nominated artists to deliver the exhibition, support the artists through the process and work closely with the Turner Prize Project Manager, Hull 2017 Executive Producer and Ferens Art Gallery Curator of Art to ensure the project is delivered to a very high standard, within timeframes and budgets.

**Exhibition Delivery**

* Work closely with the nominated artists and their representatives to deliver an outstanding exhibition, based on the exhibition for which they were nominated;
* Work with the exhibition designer to plan exhibition layout and build specification;
* Assess the need for conservators or other specialist consultants;
* With the Project Manager, devise overall exhibition delivery schedule and communicate key deadlines to the team;
* Work with the technicians to install the exhibition;
* Monitor schedule and alert the Project Manager to any scheduling issues that may affect the delivery or budget of an exhibition;
* Provide the Turner Prize Project Manager with information required to plan and deliver across practical and logistical areas, including transport and insurance;

**Artist Liaison**

* Establish strong working relationships with nominated artists, providing effective support and guidance to ensure key milestones are achieved;
* Support the artists’ practical and logistical needs;
* Work with the Turner Prize Project manager to negotiate artists’ contracts in a timely manner;

**Press and Publicity**

* Author text for press releases and the exhibition catalogue, as well as gallery interpretation and campaign materials;
* Carry-out picture research and copyright clearance;
* Be able to effectively communicate all aspects of the Turner Prize including for press interviews, tours, and curator talks;

**Finance**

* Work within the budgets set by the Project Manager and provide timely and accurate budget information including regular updates of budget projections and cashflows;

**Learning and Engagement**

* Work with the Learning and Engagement teams from the partner organisations to develop an ambitious programme for wider public engagement in Turner Prize 2017;
* Brief the Visitor Welcome team with appropriate information;

**General**

* Work within the Project Plan defined by the Turner Prize Project Manager
* Develop effective working relationships with all other project team members and other members of the wider staff teams of the partner organisations
* Proactively contribute to Project Team meetings
* Contribute to the evaluation of the project;
* Any other duties that are commensurate with the post as agreed with Senior staff;

**PERSON SPECIFICATION**