

THOR The Guardian Troll of Thurcroft:

WANTED:

Creative Storyteller to work with young people in Thurcroft to create new mythologies around Thor.

Deadline: 14th January 2021. 5pm.



1. Summary

ROAR have been working with the Neighbourhood Team to set up a steering group to manage a public art installation. The process was co-produced with the community in Thurcroft through a range of participatory activity.

Qdos Creates were appointed to lead on the artistic element. They worked with groups of young people throughout the village which resulted in adopting one mythology regarding how Thurcroft got its name, after Thor. Thor became the guardian of the environment, and is currently being realised as a steel sculpture. The 4m long reclining figure will be sited on the green space in the middle of the village as a focal point for families to gather and spend time together- post covid! The sculpture was always seen as the starting point of project which can reinvigorate community pride in their village and to start a new identity beyond the coal mine. We want to use the sculpture to stimulate imagination and engage young people with their community, and nature.

2. Context

Thurcroft is a civil parish situated southeast of Rotherham in the Metropolitan Borough of Rotherham in South Yorkshire, England and has easy access to the M18 and M1 Motorway.

The village is surrounded by green belt and farm land. Until the early 20th century, there was no settlement of Thurcroft, only Thurcroft Hall and four farms: New Orchard, Sawn Moor, Green Arbour and Steadfold. The Hall was occupied by one of the owners of the colliery which with the presence of coal was the single most contributing factor to the Parish's development

Thurcroft Colliery was sunk mid 1909 and the village which was built for the workers became known as Thurcroft. In 1918, coke ovens and a brickworks were erected at Thurcroft. The factory was situated at the end of New Orchard Lane (commonly called Pit Lane by the local villagers, because it led to the pit), on the land where the New Orchard Housing Estate (private houses) now stands. Closure came in 1991 after the Miners Strike. The Parish Council area is made up of Thurcroft, Brampton en le Morthen and Laughton Common. For electoral purposes the Parish Council is split into two Wards Thurcroft Northand and Thurcroft South.

<http://thurcroftpc.co.uk/home/about>

Thurcroft has a population of 6,900 at the 2011 Census. Wikepeadia.

https://www.citypopulation.de/en/uk/yorkshireandthehumber/admin/rotherham_/E04000118__thurcroft/

26% of the population are under 17 years of age. 16% are under 9 years.

3. Brief

We are looking for a story teller who can stimulate and encourage flights of fancy and imagination in young people, and enable their ideas to become coherent short stories. Thor will need to have an agreed personality that runs through all the stories, that can be built on and adapted.

There will be resources for 8 x two hour workshops with 8-10 participants. We recognise that quality work will take more than 1 session, but would like as many young people to be able to engage as possible. We would expect there to be between 2-4 groups benefiting, including schools and youth clubs. There will be support to identify and arrange the groups.

The output will be a series of at least 10 complete short stories.

We are also working with an illustrator to animate the stories for digital and physical

distribution.

While we hope for face to face delivery, we recognise this may not be possible. You will need to address this possibility in your application, and offer alternative methods of engagement.

4. Detailed requirements

FEE: £1600 (to be paid in 2 installments on receipt of Invoice)
Completion: by March 2021
Numbers: between 16-40 participants
Ages: 7-11 years
Output = 10 complete short stories ready for illustrations. (approx 600 words)

5. Timescales

Advert for position: 14th December 2020
Deadline for applications: 14th January 2021 (Thursday by 5pm)
Appointment: 25th January 2020
Workshops: February- March
Completed stories: 30th March 2021

6. How to apply

Please provide the following:

- How you propose to approach the work outlined above, and any direct relevant experience.
- An outline of your work plan and milestones, including the number of days worked.
- Detailed response to the delivery requirement in section 3, including alternative engagement methods.
- 2 references relating to working with young people.

Send to : team@rotherhamroar.org or:

c/o Thor Stories, ROAR, Westgate Chambers, Westgate, Rotherham, S60 1AN

The short listed candidates will be presented to the Thurcroft Creative group for selection. This is a group of local people from all walks of life who have been help guide the development of the public art commission.

7. Appointment criteria

Experience:

- Creative track record
- Working with young people and understanding of safeguarding procedures.
- Ability to work with a diverse range of young people.
- Enabling participants voice for a quality experience and output.

50%

Proposal:

- Outline schedule and work plan with outputs
- Innovative approach to storytelling
- Expectation of quality
- Understanding of environmental issues

35%

Cost:

- Value for money while adopting fair rates of pay.

15%

It is expected you are self employed with your own Unique Tax Reference Number.
It is expected you have adequate Insurance in place.
It is expected you have a DBS check as necessary.
Short listed candidates will be subject to a brief social media scan.

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