

HOLIDAY ARTIST INFORMATION PACK

JUNE 2026

This pack is designed specifically for Hastings Contemporary. For more detailed information on themes, rates of pay and formats for De La Warr Pavillion and Towner Eastbourne please see their individual Artist Information Packs.



Hastings Contemporary, De La Warr Pavilion and Towner Eastbourne are looking for six artists from the region to deliver creative activities for families over the next academic year between September 2026 and May 2027.

At each institution, two artists will work together to plan and deliver family workshops during school holidays in October, February, April and May. The six artists will also be supported as a cohort by public programme and learning staff at each organisation.

Working with Hastings Contemporary

Hastings Contemporary hosts drop-in Family Days every Thursday during the school holidays (excluding December), running from 11am-4pm with an artist-led workshop in our studio and activities all around the gallery.

The two selected artists will bring together their own practices and work together to design and deliver workshops and activities at Hastings Contemporary on the following dates:

29 October 2026, 18 February 2027, 1 April 2027, 8 April 2027, 3 June 2027

Artists will work with staff at Hastings Contemporary to provide images, text and other content to promote Family Day activities.

Artists are required to attend three meet-ups across the year to share ideas and learnings from the programme. These will take place at Hastings Contemporary, DLWP and Towner Eastbourne. The cohort of six artists are also encouraged to spend some of their planning time together at the galleries to explore materials and share ideas.

Fee

£450 x 5 for planning and delivery of 5 Family Day sessions

£75 x 3 for half-day reflective meetings with all artists

Total fee per artist: £2475

*Please note that each organisation's fees and schedule varies; please read each information pack for details.

You will:

- Be able to work in response to the needs and interests of the people you work with
- Have experience of designing and leading creative workshops for family audiences from diverse backgrounds
- Be able to work collaboratively with another practitioner to create a friendly and safe environment for parent/carers and children
- Have knowledge of the social and financial conditions surrounding access to the arts
- Be skilled in supporting family groups to develop their creative confidence, bringing in new materials, references, techniques and ideas into the gallery environment
- Be able to plan activities in response to organisational themes
- Prioritise the use of re-usable, biodegradable and/or natural materials
- Have a knowledge of safeguarding best practice
- Have an enhanced DBS certificate or be willing to obtain one

All three organisations are committed to supporting early career artists and practitioners from a broad range of art forms to develop their socially engaged practice. We encourage applications from artists who do not meet all the above criteria. If you are curious and excited about this opportunity, please apply.

We welcome all applicants and encourage applications from communities underrepresented in this sector, including neurodivergent and disabled artists, global majority artists, LGBTQIA+ artists and working class artists.

How to apply

To apply for the Holiday Artist role, please complete the linked application form, which includes a few simple questions about your practice and why you're interested in this opportunity.

Please fill out the application form here:

[DLWP, HC and Towner - Families Programme - Application Form](#)

If you would prefer to apply with a video or audio recording, please refer to the application form questions and keep to 5 minutes or less. You can send your recording to

hannah@hastingscontemporary.org.

If you would like support in completing your application, email Hannah at

hannah@hastingscontemporary.org.

Application deadline

Please submit your application by
Monday 27 July, 9am.

We will be in touch with selected artists the week commencing **Monday 3 August.**

