

Withy Arts: Community Researcher/Writer for Great Yarmouth based basketmaking heritage project

Withy Arts is a small Norfolk-based charity providing arts and crafts activities to people who are excluded from participation in mainstream arts and crafts activities through life circumstances. We are seeking to commission a **Community Researcher/Writer** (Fee £2,000) to help us deliver our HLF funded project "*Catching the Memories and Passing on the Skills*".

This 15 month project is focussed on the heritage basket making industry in Great Yarmouth. It seeks to record the experience and skills of retired basket makers and pass them on in workshops and exhibitions to residents of the town. It involves reminiscence with older people for a DVD recording memories and skills of basket makers, and of the fishing industry, and then running series of basket making sessions with local participants from disadvantaged groups as well as one-day workshops for the general public. It also includes exhibitions of work and promotional events. The basket making display in the town's Time and Tide Museum will also be updated.

The researcher will explore Great Yarmouth's basket making history, produce a script for a DVD (in collaboration with a community filmmaker) and produce text for accessible learning materials. Two volunteers will work alongside the researcher as they look for relevant material; these people may be from vulnerable or disadvantaged groups, so previous experience in working with vulnerable adults is essential.

For further information about the project, the role and how to apply please e-mail Sarah Dyball, Project Manager, at sarahdyball@withyarts.com The closing date for application is 14th October 2018.