



Call for First Nation Artists

The Exploration Place is excited to announce a call for local First Nation artists to design and create a beautiful carved piece of art to welcome visitors into Hodul'eh-a: A Place of Learning.

Overview of Project:

In 2016, The Exploration Place and the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation embarked on a new permanent gallery to showcase Lheidli T'enneh culture and history. On June 21st 2017, Hodul'eh-a: A Place of Learning opened to the public and has been a positive step towards reconciliation in the City of Prince George.

Lheidli T'enneh First Nation Chief and Council as well as Lheidli T'enneh Elders have participated in multiple consultations and made hugely significant contributions in the areas of content, language, and design in Hodul'eh-a.

The new carving will welcome visitors into the space and ultimately form a key piece of the Gallery. It is our hope that the chosen piece will encompass the vision of the gallery as a place of learning and invite interaction from visitors.

Preference will be given to artists that can spend time working on their project within the museum who are able to interact with visitors while working. We are excited to work with the community and recognize an artist that is doing amazing work.

The deadline for submissions is April 22nd 2018 at 5:00 PM.

Artist qualifications:

The artist must self-identify as a Canadian First Nation Artist (Preference will be given to Lheidli T'enneh First Nation artists)

The artist must be skilled in carving and/or sculpting

The artwork may be traditional, contemporary or a combination

Artist Expectations:

The selected artist will create an original work of art for the Exploration Place, Hodul'eh-a: A Place of Learning Gallery. The artist will have the opportunity to deliver a public presentation on the art piece if they wish.

Compensation:

The selected artist will receive \$5000.00 for creating this piece of art for The Exploration Place. This includes cost of materials and supplies for the art piece.

The Exploration Place will also support the selected artist in hosting a free public presentation at the Exploration Place on their project at no cost to the artist.

Ownership and Copyright:

Ownership and copyright will belong to The Exploration Place. The Exploration Place will reserve all rights to photograph or otherwise document the piece to use at their discretion in publications or other print materials once the art piece has been completed. Artist credit will always be given to the artist.

Upon successful selection, a Letter of Agreement will be signed between the artist and The Exploration Place.

Timeframe for completion:

The successful applicant will be notified by May 6th 2018.

Details of the completion time-frame will be discussed with the successful artist.

Adjudication Process:

An adjudication team made up of Exploration Place staff and Lheidli T'enneh Elders will decide upon the most appropriate piece of artwork for the space taking into consideration all details of the application submitted.

Application:

All applications should be submitted electronically to Alyssa.Tobin@theexplorationplace.com or dropped off at The Exploration Place, Attention: Alyssa Tobin

For more information, please contact:

Alyssa.Tobin@theexplorationplace.com or 250.562.1612 Ext.221

Please contact Alyssa Tobin to set up a free visit to The Exploration Place, Hodul'eh-a: A Place of Learning Gallery. If you have not visited the Gallery before, we recommend doing so in order to get a better sense of the space where this piece of art will be put on display.

Please fill in the following information and upload sketches and/or samples of your proposed art piece to the email or package.

Please provide a statement on who you are as an artist and/or who your artist team is: (Max. 500 words)

Please provide a summary of your project proposal: (Max. 500 words)

Please describe how your idea aligns with the Hodul'eh-A: A Place of Learning theme: (Max. 500 words)