



Artist Opportunity

Light-based commissions for We Shine Community
at Cosham Park, Portsmouth.



KEY FACTS



Cosham Park,
Portsmouth



Thursday 19,
Friday 20 and
Saturday 21
November 2026



Commission(s)
up to £3,000



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OVERVIEW

As Portsmouth and its communities celebrate 100 years of being granted City status, Portsmouth Creates are looking for local artists with bright ideas to join us in the delivery of an engaging hub of light installations in the north of the city at Cosham Park, as part of We Shine Community.

Taking place across 3 evenings this November — Thursday 19th, Friday 20th and Saturday 21st — we are looking for artists to submit ideas for projects that utilise light in a creative way, helping create something special for communities to enjoy.

These proposals can use digital technologies or simple lighting techniques in a unique and playful way. They do not need to be high tech; we are looking for imaginative use of light that encourages audiences to engage and creates memorable moments of magic.



The Opportunity & How to Apply

CREATIVE APPROACH

We particularly encourage ideas from projects that engage with communities in some way, whether via co-creation during development and production or by providing engagement opportunities across the festival. However, we are interested in hearing all creative ideas.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

We are looking to commission project(s) up to a maximum value of £3,000, which can be less, to include artist fees, production, installation and de-rig.

SITE & SUPPORT

Power and security will be provided by Portsmouth Creates and any additional requirements can be discussed in further detail. The site, Cosham Park, is an enclosed park on Northern Road, Cosham, PO6 2TA. It contains numerous trees and open spaces depending on project requirements.

There is also an exciting opportunity for an artist to use the old Cosham Larder building, 15 Northern Rd, PO6 2SJ, situated at the rear of the park next to the Bowls Club.

A small building with vaulted ceilings provides a blank canvas for an immersive installation or experience.



WHAT TO SUBMIT / HOW TO APPLY

- ✓ At this stage we are not looking for in-depth project plans.
- ✓ Artists should submit summary project ideas, any supporting images or sketches, proposed engagement (if applicable), and an approximate budget breakdown.
- ✓ Send submissions via email to billie@portsmouthcreates.co.uk.

- ✓ Further details will be required if a proposal is selected.
- ✓ As time is limited, proposals submitted after **17 September 2026** cannot be reviewed.
- ✓ Proposals will be reviewed as they arrive and may close before this date depending on submission volume.
- ✓ Early submissions are encouraged.



DEADLINE: 17 SEPTEMBER 2026