

Super Small Ways

Micro Community Commission:

Over the spring and summer of 2022 we invited residents to join us on 'The Super Slow Way' the 20 mile stretch of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal from Blackburn to Pendle. Over those few months a series of projects and events gave residents living along the canal the opportunity to get involved, try something new and think about how the canal, and the many unused spaces alongside it could become a great space for us all to use and share.

In 2023 and beyond, we are continuing to work towards this vision in a series of projects along the canal – as part of this activity, we are developing community spaces along the canal stretch from Blackburn to Pendle in collaboration with local organisations and community groups where paddle sports, walking, cycling, eating and growing, and creative activity can take place.

We're now looking for proposals for two artist residencies in Burnley and Hyndburn over the spring and summer of 2023.



We're keen for ideas to be co-produced with the groups identified, so we are seeking proposals that could be developed collaboratively over time, allow for experimentation, encourage individuals to engage with the canal, environment and surrounding landscapes, and animate spaces that create a long-term legacy.

As part of the commission we would also like each artist to deliver one workshop that is open to the wider public, as part of our spring and summer programme.

The successful artists will work with a small group in either Burnley or Hyndburn over the spring and summer, to explore what place and heritage means for the people that live, work and play there. The work should play a role in facilitating future conversations and community engagement.

In Hyndburn we are hoping to work with a group of young people from Clayton Boxing Club, in Burnley we have yet to identify a specific group, but are hoping the response will be shared at Burnley Canal Festival on the 27th August.

If you'd like to know more or submit your proposal, please email Ben Pearson at ben@superslowway.org.uk

You can contact us if you have any communication support needs. We're happy to talk about alternative ways for you to tell us about your idea.

The deadline for submissions is Friday 14th April.

Please outline your idea within two sides of A4, and include examples of previous work, budget & timeline, including day rate & additional costs. The maximum budget is £2000 inclusive of materials & travel costs.

We expect the project to be delivered by the end of August 2023.

