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COVENTRY OPEN 2023

Taking part guide

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What is the Coventry Open?

An 'Open' is an exhibition in a gallery where the local communities can enter their work; it does not matter what your previous arts experience is

In Coventry the Open is shown at the Herbert Art Gallery & Museum

It is held every two years

This is a free to enter competition with prizes

You can sell your work commission free if you choose

For the first time ever there are two artist categories to enter work in:

1. Young artists aged 15-18 years
2. Over 18's

This is where you will find it online:

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There is a panel of three independent judges that will choose what work is placed in the exhibition

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Examples of previous works



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Key dates

Friday 6th January	Coventry Open submission online portal opens
Saturday 21st January	Art Riot Collective (Fargo Village) neurodiverse and disabled artists helped to photograph work and submit through the Coventry Open portal
Saturday 28th January	Herbert Art Gallery & Museum public technical support day
Monday 13th February	Online submissions closes (midnight)
Monday 27th February	Participants will be notified if they have got through to the next round of judging, please login
Saturday 4th-	
Sunday 5th March	Successful applicants asked to bring in their physical work
Monday 6th March	Judging
Tuesday 7th March	Applicants notified if their piece is to be exhibited
Saturday 11th March	Applicants who were unsuccessful collect their works
Thursday 23rd March	Private view
Friday 24th March	Coventry Open, opens to public
Sunday 21st May	Coventry Open, closes to public

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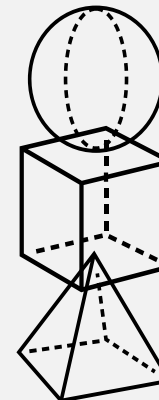
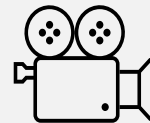
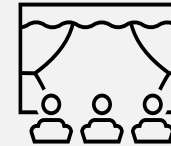
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Entering work

You can enter a maximum of two pieces made after March 2020; they can be of any of the following types:

- Painting
- Drawing
- Photography
- Digital
- Print
- Sculpture
- Mixed Media
- Installation
- Video/Audio
- Performance
- Even work you've made as a group

Submitting your work is free



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Where do I have to live?

Artists must be aged 18 and over for the adult category, and 15-18 years in the young person's section. You must be living, studying or working in the West Midlands region:

- Herefordshire
- Shropshire
- Staffordshire
- Warwickshire
- Worcestershire

Or, the Metropolitan districts of:

- Birmingham
- Coventry
- Dudley
- Sandwell
- Walsall
- Wolverhampton



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Rules

There is a long list of rules on the Herbert Art Gallery & Museum's website for you to look at. However, the key things to know are:

2D work cannot be bigger than 2m in any direction, this includes the frame

3D work must be able to be carried by one person and not be bigger by 1.5m in any direction

Electronically powered work must be safe to plug in and have it in writing that it has been portable appliance tested (PAT)

Films should not be longer than 5 minutes running time

Work submitted must be made by you and be original

Every piece must have been made after March 2020

The Herbert Art Gallery & Museum will not exhibit anything that is unsafe or inappropriate

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How to upload



When uploading your work take as long as you need, the website will not time out



You can only enter your work by submitting it online on the Herbert Gallery & Museum's website: <https://covopen.oess1.uk/>

1

There are separate buttons for each of the Open's categories (Young Artists 15-18 years, and over 18s), make sure you enter your work in the right category

2

You will need a tape measure and camera. Mobile phone photographs are fine. You will need to add the size of your work in centimeters and upload clear images to give you the best chance of being selected

3

Follow the questions through the application process and answer them as best as you can

You will be asked about your piece. Write a few sentences to describe it. The following questions might help:

- **Why did you make it?**
- **How did you create it?**
- **How does it make you feel?**

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If you need help

If you need any technical help, from the people who run the portal, please email:

marc@oess.uk

If you have any general questions about Coventry Open 2023, please email:

covopen@cvlife.co.uk

Or attend one of our support submitting online days on:



**JANUARY
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Art Riot Collective (Fargo Village) neurodiverse and disabled artists - photograph your work and have it uploaded onto the Coventry Open portal **arriotcollective@gmail.com**



**JANUARY
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Herbert Art Gallery & Museum public - questions, photography and portal use support **covopen@cvlife.co.uk**

**Details of both events are available on the
Herbert Art Gallery & Museum's website**

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What happens next



The panel of three independent judges will choose which work is placed in the exhibition



Not all work will be chosen

There are **two rounds** of selection:

1. Online
2. Drop off your work at the Herbert Art Gallery & Museum

Successful pieces are exhibited, unsuccessful pieces are asked to be collected by the artist

Upload your work by midnight



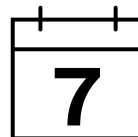
FEBRUARY
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Judging – 1st round – login
Shortlisting



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Judging – 2nd round – login
To find out how you've done



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Bring your family and friends
and vote for your favourite



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You can sell your work **commission free**

There is a **£1000 prize** for the winning entry chosen by the judging panel

And, a **£500 prize** will be given to the 'People's Choice,' which will be chosen by the public when the exhibition opens

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