

Look Up, Manchester – Call for Artists

Look Up is a high impact, outdoor gallery. Artworks are scaled up to large format and exhibited high up on the exteriors of buildings across the city.

The project is produced by ArtReach and was first delivered as part of *Journeys Festival* in Leicester in 2015. The exhibition showcased the exceptional work of Kurdish artist Behjat Omer Abdulla, pasted onto 5 iconic buildings across the city. (<http://www.journeysfestival.com/#!/look-up-gallery---behjat-omer-abdulla/c133u>)

Journeys Festival International aims to celebrate and highlight the extraordinary and powerful artwork, music, creativity, culture and experiences that refugee artists bring to the UK. It works across a wide range of creative media and disciplines and aims to bring the exceptional talent of local, national and international refugee artists into the public eye.

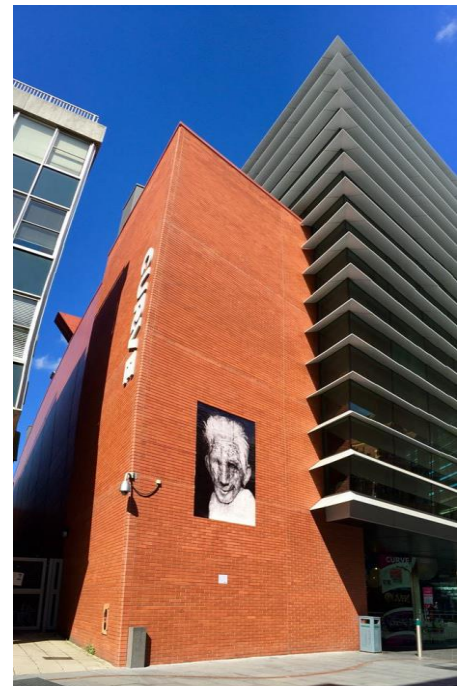
As part of the development of *Journeys Festival International* ArtReach is bringing key strands of work, including **Look Up**, to Manchester in October 2016, with a view to developing full Festivals in the city for 2017/18.

We are now seeking applications from Manchester-based visual artists to feature in the Manchester Look Up exhibition. In order to apply you must fit the following criteria:

- You must be based in Greater Manchester
- You are a practicing visual artist from the refugee or asylum seeker community
- If you are not a refugee or asylum seeker yourself, your work must be significantly linked to the refugee experience
- Your work can be successfully translated to large scale format and retain quality, clarity and visual impact

In order to apply please submit the following:

- A short covering letter (1 side of A4 maximum) detailing your interest in the project
- Your artist's CV (if available)
- A minimum of 6 high quality images of your artwork
- You may either propose an existing portfolio of work or a new series



Alternatively, we are happy to support artists who may experience language barriers or difficulties in compiling their own submission for this project by connecting you with one of our experienced Manchester-based partners.

Application deadline: Monday 11 July 2016, 5pm

Please send your application (or request for additional support) to:

Nicola Middler - Executive Producer, ArtReach: nicola@artreach.biz (preferred) or call 0116 2616882