Re:Box Artist Call - Expression of Interest

CAN YOU HEAR US?

We are inviting artists to submit a short Expression of Interest for an upcoming installation in the Re:Box public art space in Ryde as part of CAN YOU HEAR US?, the six-week celebration of creativity and culture taking place across the Isle of Wight from the 11th September to the 24th October 2026. canyouhearus.uk

Re:Box is Ryde's smallest art gallery, and is a repurposed red telephone box featuring illuminated backlit window panels. Artists are asked to create work for two exhibition sides of the box using bold, visually engaging designs that respond well to light and public viewing.

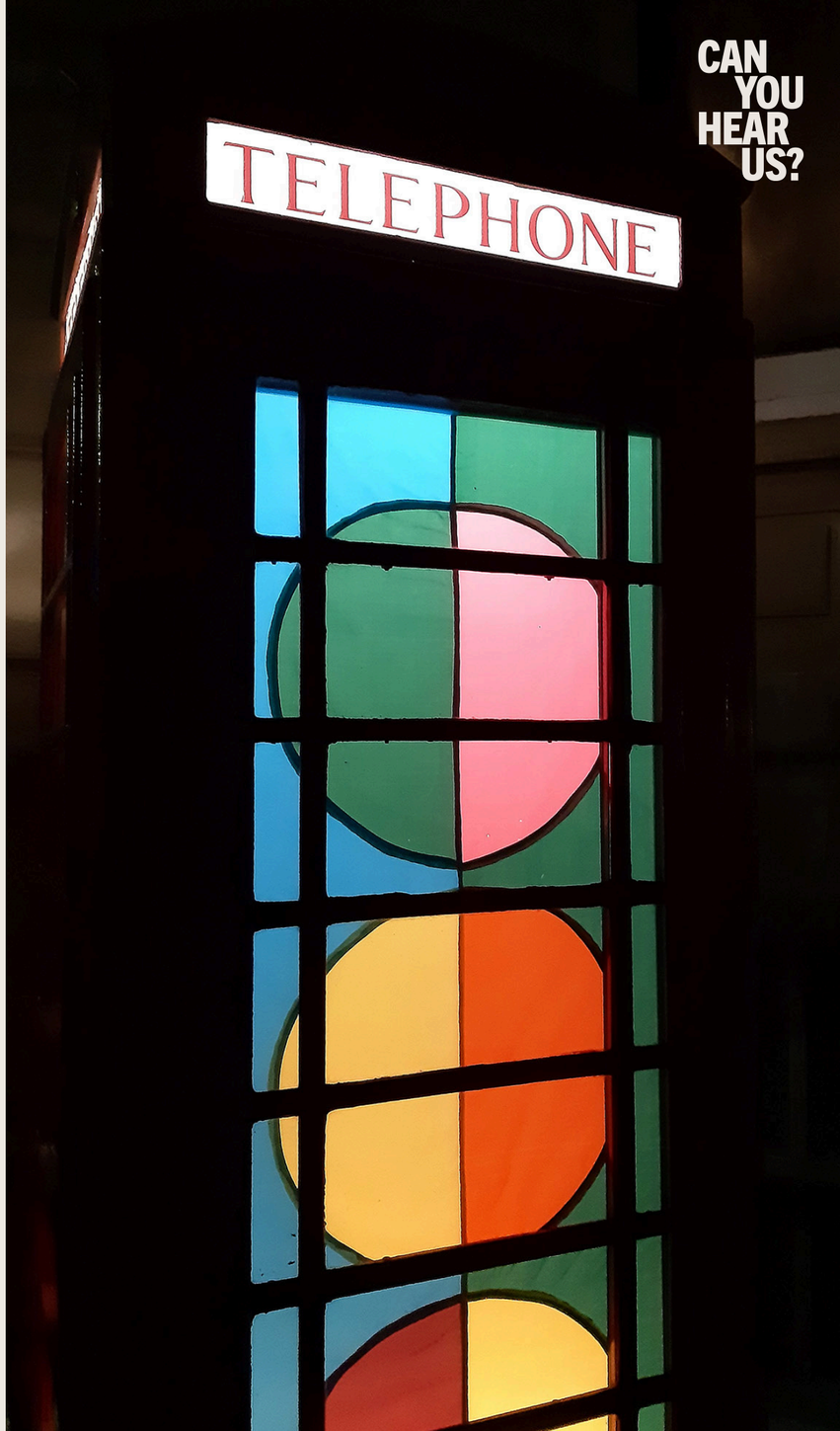
We welcome imaginative and experimental approaches.
Link to the application form: **Deadline 21st June.**

Please submit:

- A short artist bio (approx 200 words).
- A brief description of your proposed idea for the installation.
- We want proposals that are specific to the Ryde-based aspects for the CAN YOU HEAR US? programme, including Shademakers Ship of Hope, Departments This Way Up, and potentially workshops taking place in Ryde through Creative Lives (to be confirmed as the programme develops).
- A link to your portfolio / website / Instagram showing previous work. (Applications without examples of past work will not be considered)

About the Artwork:

- There will be a fee of £400 paid to the selected artist.
- Final artwork size: 163cm x 55.5cm - with a bleed mark of 2cm.
- Artwork is displayed as backlit acetate prints
- Two designs are required (one for each exhibition side)
- Bright colours and lighter tones tend to work best within the illuminated format
- Artists may submit:
  - two complete designs, or
  - a collection of images/text to be assembled collaboratively into the final format
- Artists will still own their own designs, and are more than welcome to share their process on designing it for publicity purposes, and Creative Island will do the same.



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Further Information:

Timeline:

- Deadline Midnight 21st June
- 22nd June | Applications reviewed and artist selected
- 20th June - 7th August | Artist development and creation period
- 7th August | Final artwork/designs submitted to Re:Box team
- 7th September | Installation of artwork in Re:Box
- 7th September - 1st November | CAN YOU HEAR US? exhibition period

We would love to capture content throughout the design period, as well as take photos with the selected artist when the exhibiton opens in Re:Box.

The selected artist must be based and work on the Isle of Wight.

Measurements to consider:

Any questions?
Email the CAN YOU HEAR US? team:
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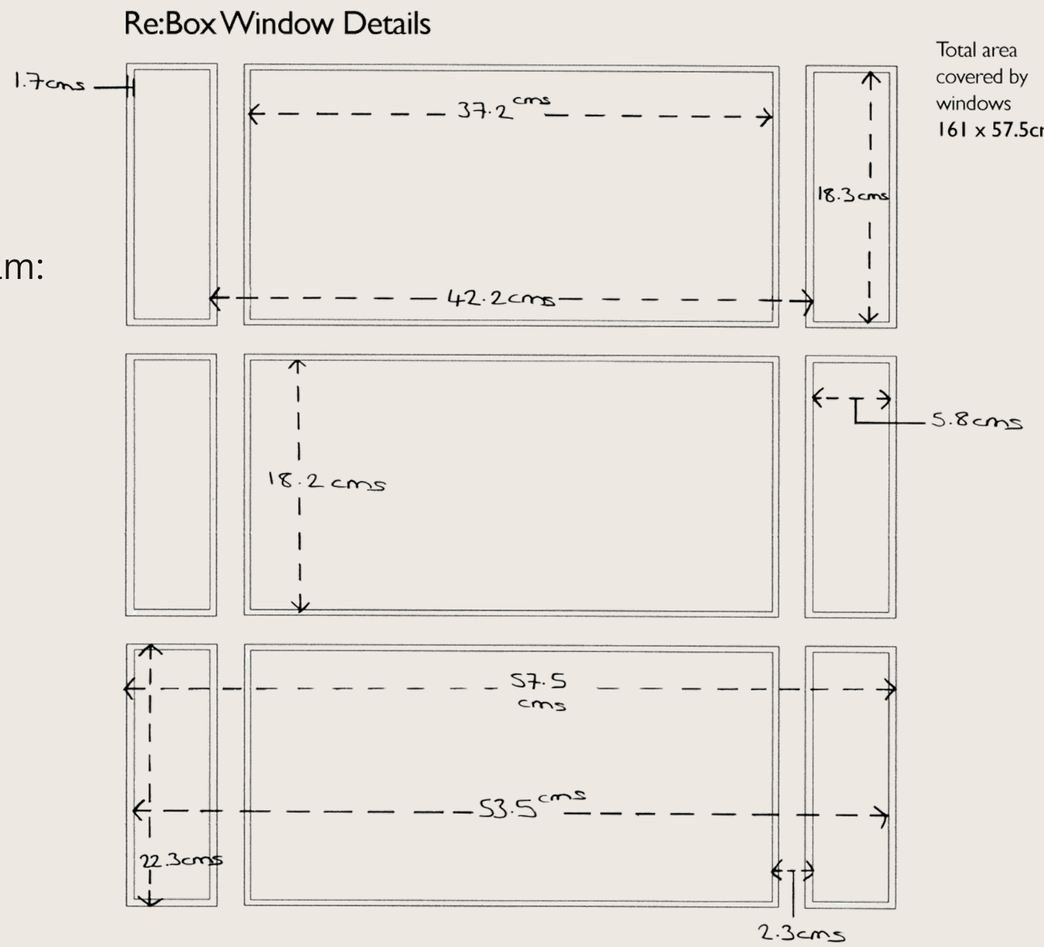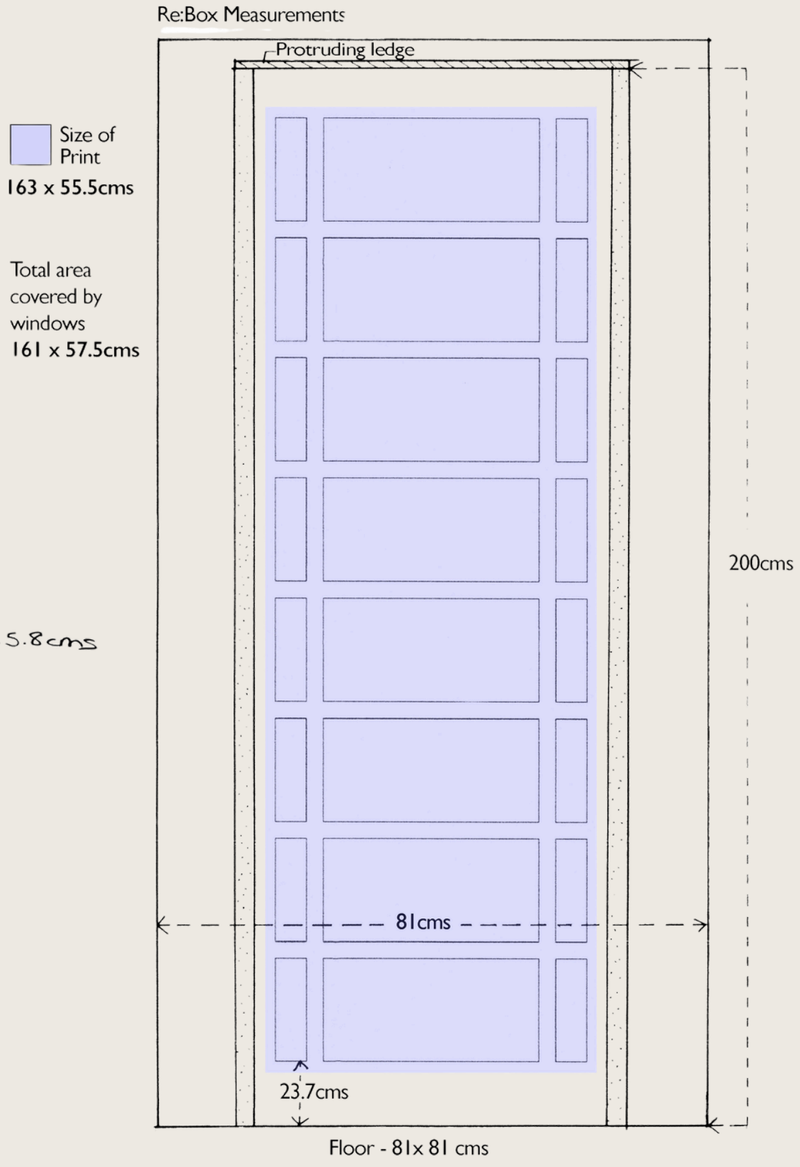
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