**Young Artists Open Exhibition 2025 Guidelines:**

Open to all local young artists, aged 4-18yrs, to enter Brewery Arts’ first ever Young Artists Open Exhibition. It is free to enter and selected works will be exhibited in the Brewery Arts Sugar Store Gallery from 25 July – 13 September 2025.

**See the following guidelines, for more details and how to enter.**

**Exhibition Dates:** 25 July – 13 Sep 2025 install 23rd and 24th

**Theme** – The theme for this year’s Young Artist Open is **‘Your Kendal’.** We invite you to explore your individual experience of Kendal, whether this is where you’ve grown up, moved to, or just visit from time to time. You could take inspiration from the people you spend time with, your favourite corner of the town, beautiful natural spaces, fond memories, a lovely building, or completely reimagine the town in a fantastical way - the possibilities are endless!

**Entry Criteria:**

* Young people aged 4-18 years can enter**.** All artists should be aged between 4-18yrs on the final date of submission.
* Up to 2 artworks can be submitted per young artist.
* Only original artwork will be accepted. Photographs or photocopies of artwork will not be accepted.
* We welcome submissions from a wide range of media, which may include drawing, painting, printing, photography, sculpture, textiles and animation.

**Artwork Criteria:**

Initial selections for the exhibition will be made from photographs of the original artwork, however, artwork should meet the following guidelines:

* 2D Artwork must be no smaller than A4 size (210x297mm) and no larger than A2 size (420 x 594mm).
* 2D Artwork must not be framed and should be on thick paper, card, canvas, artboard or equivalent (selected work may be mounted onto artboard or mount board by the curator when the exhibition is installed).
* For 3D, textile and digital work submissions, the selection panel will need to consider the availability of plinths, display cabinets, screens and the logistics of installing the work in our gallery.
* Digital work should be submitted in MP4 file format.

**How to Submit:**

* Artwork must be submitted, digitally, **by 27th Jun 2025** (by a parent/guardian, if under 18). Complete the [**Submission Form**](https://forms.gle/UmENK1pkifHyGU3x7)**,** found on the exhibition webpage and send **digital images** of the work, labelled with the artwork title, age category and Artist’s name,via email to ***exhibitions@breweryarts.co.uk***.
* Please ensure the images of the artwork are sharp and cropped appropriately, and are true to the actual artwork (no filters etc.) Image files submitted should be in JPG/JPEG format.

**Selection Process:**

* All submissions will be reviewed digitally and work selected for the exhibition by the Brewery Arts selection panel.
* The selection panel will be looking for imagination, originality and use of media to represent and celebrate the range of talent within the young people in our community.
* Artists (parents/guardians) will be advised of their selection, via email, by end of day 11th Jul 2025.
* Selected artworks must be delivered to Brewery Arts on 15-18th Jul 2025 between 3pm-5pm for hanging on 22nd Jul 2025.
* All selected artwork needs to be delivered with the young artists name, age category and parent’s/guardian’s contact details on the back, or if sculptural, a hanging label.
* Brewery arts reserves the right to reject any work submitted without giving any reason.
* **Important** – the gallery is a public space and will be unsupervised, therefore, artwork is displayed at your own risk. Artists are loaning the artwork to the Brewery for display and agree for it to be exhibited in an unsupervised and public space.

**Private View Event:** There will be a private view for the young artists, friends and families, and invited guests at Brewery Arts on 25 July 2025 at 4-5.30pm.

**Collection of work:** artwork is to be collected from Brewery Arts on 16-19th Sep 2025 between 11 and 1pm. The exhibition will be uninstalled on the 15th Sep 2025.

**Queries:** These should be directed to Helena.mcgregor@breweryarts.co.uk

**Exhibition Timeline:**

**7th April** – submissions open, submission forms must be completed on the exhibition webpage + images sent to exhibitions@breweryarts.co.uk

**27th Jun –** Final submission date

**1st – 11th Jul** - Selection panel view work and make decisions

**11th Jul** – Artists advised of selection decisions (and awards)

**15th – 18th Jul** – Selected works to be delivered to BA between 3pm and 5pm

**22nd, 23rd & 24th Jul** – Hanging / Installation of Exhibition

**25th Jul** – Exhibition Opens

**25th Jul** – Private View Event, 4pm-5.30pm

**13th Sep**– Exhibition Ends

**15th Sep**– Exhibition uninstalled

**16-19th Sep** - Collection of artwork between 11 and 1pm