

Commission Opportunity: Photographer – Made by the Sea

Telling the story behind an art project, from creative beginnings through to exhibition

Purbeck Art Weeks (PAW) invites applications from a student or emerging artist to follow and record the development of **Made by the Sea**, a major community arts project exploring ocean waste, creativity and environmental awareness.

This is an opportunity to document the project and contribute to an evolving visual and creative record of its journey — capturing the people, ideas, making, learning and moments that happen along the way.

The successful applicant will document the journey of **Made by the Sea**. From initial ideas and discussions through to sculpture development, school workshops, through to the first exhibition. We would like to tell the story of this journey rather than simply record finished artworks.

This opportunity is open to a student or emerging artist. You do not need to have extensive professional experience, we are interested in someone who is curious, observant, reliable and excited by the opportunity to tell a story of how art and creativity connects people and the waste of the sea. You should be comfortable working around artists, schools, young people and the public, and be able to work sensitively and respectfully when documenting participants.

The commission should:

- provide a visual and exciting story of the project as it builds to the final exhibition
- complement the aims of the project to highlight environmental waste
- visualise the substance of the project, it's theme and the community that brings it all together
- show the sense of creativity, community, learning and joy in creating art
- highlight the human connections of the project: people, place, creativity, joy, challenge
- develop work that can be used across a range of communication mediums

We are particularly interested in someone who can bring their own creative perspective to the project.

Previous professional experience is not essential. We welcome applications from students and emerging creatives who can demonstrate enthusiasm, creativity and a thoughtful approach to documentation.

Commission Fee: £500.00

Locations: Across Purbeck, Dorset

Exhibition: *Made by the Sea* – Purbeck Art Weeks 2027

Contract: Freelance Artist Commission

What we'd like applicants to submit:

1. **A short introduction** about yourself, your creative skills, style and work practice.
2. **Examples of your work** — this could be photographs, video, creative plans or another form of creative documentation.
3. **A short statement** explaining why you would like to document *Made by the Sea*.
4. **Your availability** between now and the final exhibition on 28th May, 2027.
5. Details of any relevant experience working with schools, young people, artists or community projects.

Made by the Sea — recording the journey, celebrating the people, and capturing the making of the art.

Closing date: November 13th, 2026

How to apply: email your application to iangodfrey@purbeckartweeks.co.uk