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Exciting, high profile design opportunity

Northampton Arts Collective (NAC) is looking for business partners within the creative sector to assist them in the refurbishment of their Arts Centre situated at the Fishmarket, Northampton. The refurbishment project is subject to a successful bid for funding, the outcome of which will be known by January 08.

Areas that have been designated for improvement include the gallery reception, café, kitchen/bar, outside courtyard, toilets and the building exterior. Each business selected will be responsible for the design and project management of their allocated area and will receive support from the overall project manager. A design specification and budget has been drawn up and an extra 'design innovation budget' allocated to each area to allow imaginative concepts to be realised.

NAC is looking to pay for the services of these businesses who will ideally be within their first two years of trading or be able to prove that involvement in this project will allow them to significantly develop their business.

We are also looking for one established and internationally recognised design company to work on the project who must be able to demonstrate significant previous achievements and will be asked to provide some mentorship to the emerging businesses.

The chosen businesses will have the opportunity of achieving national media coverage, a public portfolio piece, networking within the creative industries community and the chance to attend tailored training workshops.

Businesses must be available to commence the design stage of the process immediately after selection and complete the refurbishment during January and February 2008.

NAC is currently accepting expressions of interest from interior and exterior design companies who are looking for an opportunity to showcase their most imaginative and ambitious design ideologies.

Introductory day

Saturday 22nd December, 1- 4pm

The Fishmarket, Bradshaw Street, Northampton NN1 3PU



To apply for a place on the introductory day, please send brief information about you and your company to refurb@northamptonarts.org to include images of previous work, a link to your website or introductory text.

For more information please use the email above or telephone Kath on 07941 307233.