

Shout out for volunteers, artists and performers from Fastminds.

What are we looking for in an artist / performer? Every artist / performer taking part will identify as neurodiverse in some way. Some examples of neurodiverse identities could be mental health challenges, autism, ADHD, learning disabilities, brain damage, dementia, multiple disabilities, physical disabilities that also affect the mind in some way (such as people living with M.E. will experience brain fog) and some may relate to neurodiversity through their LGBTQ identity. If it is a collective e.g. a band, at least one member of the group will identify as neurodiverse. **It is about your identity, not about if anyone else considers you as neurodiverse or otherwise.**

Will anyone be required to disclose personal information about their own neurodiversity? No. This is not going to be required but we are providing a safe and accepting environment for the artists and attendees to share about their neurodiversity if they wish. Artists taking part do not need to disclose any information of their neurodiversity, however, by taking part in this event they do accept the 'label' of neurodiversity to be applied to them in this context.

What are we wanting to include in this event?

- **Fine art:** we will have an exhibition featuring sculpture / 2D work / photography.
- **Film:** we will build a small cinema in the main hall for short film viewings
- **Poetry:** live poetry performances
- **Theatre:** storytelling / small performances
- **Live music:** bands and singers in the evening.
- **Stand up**
- **Workshops:** free workshops in art / craft activities.
- **Market stalls:** table spaces for artists / designers to sell their work and for organisations to have spaces to talk to people.

Where / when will this event be?

Location: Kingsgate Church (161a Clarence St, Kingston, KT1 1QT) above The King's Tun Wetherspoon.

Date: 14th and 15th September.

How will the event be structured? In the morning and afternoon (10am – 5pm) there will be a marketplace including space for both individual artists / designers who will sell their work to the public and organisations / charities who will have the opportunity to talk to attendees. There will be free art / design workshops throughout the day and live poetry performances. Live music will commence from 6pm. There will be food available throughout as well as designated meal / hot food times.

The core aims of this event will be:

- To be user-led from the beginning.
- Demonstrating the value of neurodiversity within society and the arts.

- Promoting the creativity of neurodiverse people, providing free art & design workshops.
- Promoting inclusivity and bringing both 'neurotypical' and neurodiverse people together.
- Enabling neurodiverse people's voices to be heard particularly by opinion formers and decision makers within NHS.
- Enhancing partnership between community, healthcare providers and organisations in neurodiverse contexts in Kingston Upon Thames.
- To exhibit fine art, photography, film and performance (poetry, music, dance, standup comedy).
- To keep the event disability / sensory friendly by making / providing reasonable adjustments.

Who will attend? We will invite people of all ages and backgrounds to attend. Both neurodiverse and 'neurotypical'. Entry will be free. No alcohol permitted. People are free to come for drinks in the pub below at any time but will not be allowed to re-enter the event if intoxicated.

Any questions, please contact me via email or phone.

Isabelle Haythorne

Issylove.dreads@hotmail.co.uk

07814727437