



BURTON
AT BIDEFORD

OPEN CALL: SOCIALLY ENGAGED PHOTOGRAPHER

The Burton at Bideford is seeking a socially engaged photographer to work on a project with displaced people, in collaboration with The Pickwell Foundation.



Context

The Burton at Bideford is working with The Pickwell Foundation to run a photography project with a group of refugees and individuals navigating the asylum process. This project is funded by The Foyle Foundation.

We are looking for a socially engaged photographer based in the South West to facilitate the workshops. The aim is to support creative health and social connection through the teaching of photography skills, allowing individuals to explore the language of photography to tell their story. There is no specific theme for the project; we encourage that it comes from conversations with the group.

The appointed photographer will deliver 10 creative workshops, which will take place at The Burton, and will be supported by staff from The Pickwell Foundation and The Burton's Learning & Engagement Team. The work produced will be part of an exhibition in 2026.

THE BRIEF

The Brief

The photographer will:

- plan and deliver 10 photography workshops.
- teach photography skills, and encourage experimentation. Participants will be using the cameras on their phones, but there's an opportunity for working with analogue photography methods if this fits the brief.
- encourage the group to work on a theme, so that individuals end up with a body of work at the end of the 10 sessions.
- work with the group to decide the best output for the final work.

Budget

Artist fee: £2,000

Artist travel and access budget: £500

50% of the Artist Fee will be paid on appointment, with the remainder due on completion of the workshops.

On top of this, there is a budget of £250 for materials and £750 exhibition budget, managed by The Burton.

Support

The Burton will:

- provide The Kingsley Room as a base for the workshops.
- provide the materials in collaboration with the photographer.
- be the main point of contact for the photographer and The Pickwell Foundation.
- act as mentor for the photographer, through 2-3 development meeting points to monitor progress and workshop challenges and questions.
- promote the work of the photographer and the work of the group.

The Pickwell Foundation will:

- recruit participants for the workshop.
- organise transport of participants to The Burton.
- Act as a support for the participants.

APPLY

How to apply

Please include in your application:

1. A 1-2 page A4 statement or 5 minute video outlining the following:

- Your experience of running socially engaged projects like this.
- How you would approach the workshops.
- What you would cover in the workshops.
- Any additional support you think would be helpful for us to provide.

2. A CV

3. A link to your website or online portfolio

4. A completed equal opportunities monitoring form [available here](#)

Please email your application documents to **carole@theburton.org** by 5pm on Monday 25 August.

Selection Process

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to interview in the week beginning 1 September. The interview panel will consist of a member of The Burton team, a representative from The Pickwell Foundation, and an external artist advisor.

Timeline

Application deadline: 5pm, Monday 25 August

Interviews: week beginning 1 September

Workshops begin: w/b 22 September

Workshops end: w/b 24 November

Exhibition/Output: 2026 (exact dates TBC)

ABOUT US

About The Burton at Bideford

The Burton at Bideford is a National Portfolio Organisation and one of the leading cultural venues in the South West, attracting over 160,000 visitors last year. It is situated in the historic town of Bideford, where agriculture, craft and maritime heritage meet at the water's edge. With two exhibition spaces, a museum, craft gallery, shop and café, The Burton provides opportunities for everyone to access and engage with artists, collections and exhibitions. theburton.org

About The Foyle Foundation

The Foyle Foundation was established in 2000 as an independent grant making trust to distribute grants to UK based charities (primarily arts and learning) and schools.

foylefoundation.org.uk

About The Pickwell Foundation

The Pickwell Foundation supports both people and planet, empowering communities to welcome resettled families, supporting those seeking asylum, and championing climate action. The Foundation works both locally in Northern Devon and nationally in providing casework and signposting support to refugee communities through several governmental humanitarian schemes. It also facilitates conversations around sustainability and climate advocacy by promoting campaigns and resources created by partners and friends of the Foundation that champion positive policy and legislative change.

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