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Dear Applicants,

This project is open to all 16-25 year olds with a link to Herefordshire and have an interest in Art and Craft. To qualify for Cultivate@Courtyard, you must submit one piece of artwork or craft along with a sketchbook or drawings to support the work. The theme for submitted work is **FORGIVE** and the size limit is 1 meter sq for any larger pieces which artists may want to submit.

All submitted work should be either delivered to the Courtyard before 31st January 2025. This will need to be arranged by emailing David Durant [david.durant@courtyard.org.uk](mailto:david.durant@courtyard.org.uk) or Dermot Clarke [dermotaustin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dermotaustin@hotmail.co.uk) All submission must include a completed submission form where it will be assessed and judged on:

* Exploration of visual ideas and forms presented in an inventive manner.
* Strong compositions and an understanding of design elements and principles.
* Understanding of media and techniques with attention to detail and craftsmanship.
* The finished product expresses original thought through conceptual ideas.

Once all the submitted work has been judged, three finalists will be selected for demonstrating the best understanding of the above criteria.

The three finalists will then begin the Cultivate@Courtyard, Visual Arts Project. They will have the opportunity to develop their work with the guidance of a professional artist, a budget to cover costs and the platform of the Courtyard to showcase their work. The artwork produced by the three finalists during this project will be exhibited, hopefully at The Courtyard. If this is not the case due to Government restrictions then other arrangements will be made. The exhibition is for the summer of 2025.

If this sounds like the opportunity you have been waiting for to raise your artistic profile or just a chance to develop your skills, please get involved.

Good Luck,

Cultivate@Courtyard Team