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CALL FOR ARTISTS - LOOK UP, LEICESTER 2017 - #JFILEics

Look Up is a high impact, outdoor gallery, produced by ArtReach as part of Journeys Festival International. Artworks are scaled up to large format and exhibited high up on the exteriors of buildings across the city.

Journeys Festival International aims to celebrate and highlight the extraordinary and powerful artwork, music, creativity, culture and experiences that refugee artists bring to the UK. It works across a wide range of creative media and disciplines and aims to bring the exceptional talent of local, national and international refugee artists into the public eye.



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Look Up was first delivered as part of *Journeys Festival International* 2015 in Leicester. The exhibition showcased the exceptional work of Kurdish artist [Behjat Omer Abdulla](#), pasted onto 5 iconic buildings across the city. Following the success of this 'pilot' exhibition, Look Up was delivered again in Leicester in 2016, this time in 10 locations, showcasing the work of Syrian artist [Mohamad Khayata](#), and was also taken to the new cities of Manchester (artist: [Jamal Jameel](#)) and Portsmouth (artist: [Niko Papadopoulos](#)) as part of our developing Festival work in those locations.

We are now seeking applications from visual artists to feature in the 2017 Look Up exhibition in Leicester. In order to apply you must fit the following criteria:

- You are a practising visual artist from the refugee or asylum seeker community
- If you are not a refugee or asylum seeker yourself, your work must be significantly linked to the refugee experience
- Your work can be successfully translated to large scale format and retain quality, clarity and visual impact

In order to apply please submit the following:

- A short covering letter (1 side of A4 maximum) detailing your interest in the project
- Your artist's CV (if available)
- A minimum of 6 high quality images of your artwork
- You may either propose an existing portfolio of work or a new series of work

Application deadline: Monday 20 March 2017, 5pm

Please email your application (or request information) to:

Nicola Middler - Executive Producer, ArtReach: nicola@artreach.biz (preferred) or call 0116 2616882

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