

## WOODEN STRUCTURE BRIEF – DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION AT CALDMORE COMMUNITY GARDEN



### Who we are?

**Caldmore Community Garden is a community green space in Caldmore, South Walsall. We are a social venue committed to bringing diverse communities together through creativity, play, working together, and care of natural environment.**

### Why?

One of our big challenges as a predominately outdoors space is the lack of shelter in case of bad weather both during our events and the delivery of our educational programme for different community groups.

With funding from the Nature Hubs Fund, we are looking to build two permanent wooden structures in the Garden. An important part of this project is to involve the local community in the creation and design through to the construction. We have a range of groups that meet in our Garden from school children, play scheme, Women's Tuesdays and Men's Shed – they could all be involved in the design and parts of the making process, but there is no expectation to involve all of them.

We are inviting proposals for the commission of 2 new permanent wooden structures in the Garden, along with proposals for the ways to involve the local community, providing local people with an opportunity to gain new skills and get involved in changing the garden for the better.

## **THE BRIEF**

We are looking for sustainable and durable designs to fit with our environmental mission.

### **What we are looking for?**

2 permanent wooden structures

3x4m (minimum)

Fit with the feel and shape of the garden

Feel that they belong in the space, with natural forms, organic and rustic

Roof (to keep out sun and rain)

No floor

Wooden pillars

May include spaces for plants to grow through or planters on the outside

Maintenance plan to help avoid a design solution that looks great on day one but quickly deteriorates and is impractical to maintain.

### **Participatory Element**

You will have experience of working with and engaging in different ways with communities and be inspired by our Garden, to create two permanent wooden structures which are not only practical but also fit in organically with the garden. Inspired by the creatures and birds that visit us everyday, and co-designed and co-created by the local community who make the garden the oasis that it is.

### **Workshops**

Ways to co-design and co-create the project with the local community and community groups that use and visit the garden - could take a form of participatory workshops.

The community could be involved in designing the structures or making shapes/colour/ wooden cut-outs to enhance it.

### **Timeline**

Open call for proposals // end of June -July 2024

Design process // August/September 2024

Making construction // /Nov-March 2025

The artist/group will start once commissioned and should be completed and ready for unveiling by early Spring 2025.

### **Inspiration**

The Garden

Nature

Inspired by trees – leaves that fall in the garden

Inspired by insects – creatures that live in the garden

Inspired by birds – birds that visit the garden

### **Installation**

Proposals must be feasible and will be expected to be realisable and achievable within the production period and commissioning budget. We promote the use of environmentally sustainable materials and processes.

All plans must address the practical issues of installing, including considerations around health and safety and other users of the space. The timings of the installation should be undertaken in agreement with Project Team at the Garden.

### **Budget**

The total budget – including workshops and final installation – should amount to no more than £8,000.

### **Making the Application**

- **To apply please submit a proposal up to 2/3 pages, outlining your approach to the brief, by Monday July 15th. Please e-mail your application to [caldmoregarden@gmail.com](mailto:caldmoregarden@gmail.com) . If you have any questions, please contact Anna Webster on 07871813252.**
- Show examples of previous projects working with communities/workshops, in particular examples of wooden structures.
- Please include a budget breakdown within the proposal detailing development and co-creation with local community through a series of workshops.
- Please include up to 3 links to examples of previous works as well as 2 referees.