

Coventry City of Culture Trust
Event Health & Safety Invitation to Tender



Context

Coventry City of Culture Trust was set up in 2015 to bid to be UK City of Culture in 2021. In 2017 the Trust and the city were successful in securing the prestigious title and are now getting ready to deliver an amazing build-up programme, an ambitious UK City of Culture year in 2021 and to ensure a legacy, for the city region and its communities.

In July 2020, we announced that Coventry's City of Culture programme will start in May 2021 and run for 12 months, allowing us to keep our promise to the city and region - to deliver an extraordinary year while providing some much-needed certainty and resources to our artists and communities.

We are a diverse, modern city which is re-imagining the role culture can play in bringing people together. Coventry is a city of welcome, a city of activists and pioneers, a city of peace and reconciliation, a city of innovation and invention, a City of Culture.

The Trust is committed to:

- Welcoming 2.5m additional visitors to Coventry and Warwickshire in 2021
- 80% of the city's residents experiencing at least three events in 2021
- Increasing audience attendance from under-represented communities by 20%
- Activating more than 16,000 volunteers and participants
- Starting a wave of cultural investment across the region
- Minimising the impact of our work on the environment

The Brief

We are looking to establish a preferred suppliers list to work with the Trust's Production Team and partners to plan and deliver a wide range of ambitious public cultural activities. You will contribute to the safe and responsible delivery of an ambitious events. Your work will be key in ensuring that we meet our aims and commitments in that year and establishing best-practice processes as a legacy for the city.

The 2021 programme may include:

- A series of outdoor spectacle events throughout the year alongside major, nationally significant opening and closing events, including mass participation and artistic collaborations
- Events that appeal to the broadest range of audiences including those currently underrepresented in the arts, families, students, national and international tourists, industry professionals and local residents
- Events that cover all art forms including theatre, music, dance, literature, comedy, film, visual art and workshops

Event Health & Safety opportunities

We would like to hear from companies who have experience of working on large, high profile events, but we also welcome bids from any companies whose operations are suitable for smaller activity. The ability to adapt and scale delivery is essential.

We may also choose to appoint a number of companies who have complimentary specialisms and as such we are open to businesses applying who may only deliver specialist elements of public safety, crowd management, guidance on compliance or health and safety operations.

We will ideally look to appoint local companies where expertise meets our requirements, and we are also keen to hear how smaller organisations in the area can work together to meet those requirements. Therefore, we welcome joint submissions from small and medium sized businesses in the region.

However, due to the complex and ambitious nature of our work, we will also look to include national companies with a demonstrable high level of expertise and experience, particularly those that employ staff local to the area.

Key requirements

Companies must be able to deliver exemplary service for events ranging in scale.

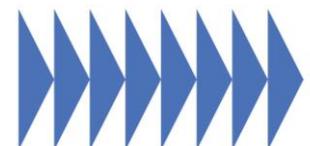
Companies must be able to demonstrate understanding and implementation of Covid-19 measures and restrictions. They must be willing to work with the Trust and partners to accommodate and respond to any changes to these measures.

The types of work we will be needing include, but are not limited to;

- Experience of supporting the safe delivery of a range of different types of events, both indoors and outdoors. Providing strategic support during the design and planning phase.
- Provision of on the ground operational support during the build, live and de-rig periods, helping to ensure compliance and dynamic assessment of hazards and evolving situations. Working to make sure that workers and the public are not exposed to health and safety risks.
- Ability to write comprehensive Risk Assessments.
- Support or write other safety documentation including Event Safety Management Plans and Crowd Management Plans.
- Review documentation from other contractors such as risk assessments, plans and methods statements
- Support initial research and development conversations during the scoping of sites and activities.
- Work with the event production departments and event organisers to develop contingency plans and COVID-19 preparedness.
- Experience of overseeing the safe installation and removal of temporary structures.

As such successful companies must be able to demonstrate:

- Experience liaising with event stakeholders and authorities; presenting or attending relevant safety meetings such as the Safety Advisory Group (SAG).



- Comfortable liaising with other event contractors providing services such as traffic management, fire safety and production.
- Provision of trained and specialist personnel who understand the application of health & safety in the event context
- Awareness of relevant legislation and licenses. Including being cognisant of the event organisers duties to Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 (CDM 2015).
- Hold appropriate licences and insurances for their services and as a minimum £5 Million in Public Liability.

Preference will be given to companies that can also show any of the following:

- A diverse workforce, representative of Coventry and the region.
- Adoption of new technologies to enhance their efficiency and reliability.

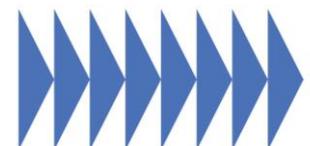
Finally, all companies submitting a bid must also show that they align with or will make steps to align with, the Trust's policies of:

- **Environmentally sustainable working practices.** As such all companies will be required to supply their environmental policy with their bid.
- **Fair pay.** The Trust will insist that all employees working on projects funded by the Trust are payed the National Living Wage as a minimum. Any companies submitting a bid should confirm their core and freelance staff are paid as a minimum National Living Wage. Evidence of such may be requested.
- **Talent development in the sector.** We are keen to hear how you develop talent within your team and actively create opportunities to engage and support new individuals to enter the industry, particularly from under-represented groups.
- **Diversity, equality and inclusion.** We are pro-active in our approach to this and expect our partners and the people we work with to do the same. We would like to see companies that are making extended efforts to be inclusive but as a minimum should have an equalities or similar policy.

Process

Companies are invited to respond to the brief above, by submitting a short proposal (maximum 1000 words) outlining how they meet the requirements of the role. The submission should include:

1. Evidence of documentation specified in the brief alongside a copy of Public and Employers Liability Insurance
2. Information on previous projects undertaken by the company which establish its credentials for undertaking the work



3. A description of service delivery methods and ways of working, considering research, development and implementation stages of event delivery. This should highlight how you would work with us and partners. Joint submissions should consider how they would work together and with us to deliver.
4. Environmental policy and any relevant BSI Certification
5. Evidence of commitment to fair pay
6. An indication of rates of pay or fee expectations including any proffered discount
7. Contact details for two referees

Please contact Claire Manley, Production Manager, if you have any questions:

production@coventry2021.co.uk

Proposals should be submitted by email to production@coventry2021.co.uk before 12pm on Friday 29th January 2021.

Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated by the Production Director for Coventry City of Culture Trust with the support of the Production Team.

Each proposal will be evaluated against the following criteria:

1. Understanding of the project brief demonstrated in the tender documentation
2. Credibility and proven expertise in delivering a successful service
3. The strength of evidence against the Trust's policy requirements.
4. Effective project management skills as demonstrated by a realistic and viable methodology

Coventry City of Culture Trust will seek value for money in these submissions but will judge value not solely on price but on the quality and scope of the proposals being considered.

Once all applications have been reviewed the Trust will invite a shortlist of companies for interview before acceptance on to the preferred supplier list.

Acceptance into the preferred supplier list does not guarantee contracts however, quotations for projects will initially always be sought from the list of preferred suppliers.

