



Zoom-bird call-out document

“Zoom-bird squints into the sun. A quiet Midlands sky that feels like hers for now. Below her is Coventry’s ring road, its grey ribbons looping in and out of each other, circling the city...What’s she going to magic from the ashes of this moment?”

Grapevine, Central England Law Centre (CELC), Positive Youth Foundation (PYF) and Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre (CRMC) are working alongside Coventry’s City of Culture Trust (COC) and artist Caroline Horton to develop Zoom Bird, a creative collection of stories gathered through online interviews about the impacts of the current pandemic on the lives of Coventry’s people. Caroline Horton is Midlands based award winning writer, performer, director and mentor. Her most recent work All Of Me (and the possibility of future splendour) won the Stage Award For Excellence and the Mental Health Fringe Award 2019. **We are now seeking participants who would like to share their story and help inspire the final piece of writing developed for a unique sharing of Zoom Bird, as part of the Coventry City Of Culture programme 2021-2022.**

We know that for some, the impact of the current pandemic has sent individuals and families into financial or personal difficulty. For others, this time has inspired a community spirit and we have seen many people reach out and give support to others. Perhaps you have experienced something unexpected in this time or have become deeply frustrated by the responses or the decisions made by those in power. Perhaps you’ve wanted to speak out about what has changed for you at this time.

Crucially, the final collection of stories will become part of a year of taking action in the city, to influence the practices and policies in workforces and institutions. The aim is to build more understanding and empathy; to begin to influence real change for those who are impacted by the behaviours and decisions made by those in power.

Due to our partners interests and areas of work, we would be grateful especially to hear from individuals who:

- Have had a life changing experience that was unforeseen prior to Corona Virus
- Have experienced hardship (financially or personally) as a direct result of the pandemic
- Have been housed in temporary accommodation during this time
- Are disabled or neurodiverse
- Are between the ages of 18 and 24 (both in or out of formal education)
- Have in the last 12 months come to the UK as a migrant, asylum seeker or refugee
- Have been involved in mutual aid of any kind in the community i.e delivering food, medication, making contact calls to the elderly etc.

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Important: Stories will be captured via Zoom or an alternative video communication format and will last no longer than 45 minutes. Stories can be shared anonymously (with or without your video on) and anyone sharing their story will have the right to request any information given to be removed or altered before the artist begins developing the final work. If you would like to be involved in this project and are happy to be interviewed, please send an email expressing your interest by 5pm on Monday 5th October 2020.

You can do this by email or voice note to info@coventry2021.co.uk stating:

- Your name and your pronoun preferences. I.e she/her, he/him, they/them
- Do you have access to Zoom? (If you don't please let us know and we will try to support this) Also are you happy to be on camera?
- A very short description of what you want to talk to us about in interview.
- Any support we can give you to ensure the interview runs smoothly for you.
- Please tell us which of the following dates you are available for interview Monday 12th October, Tuesday 13th October, Wednesday 14th October, Thursday 15th October.
- What time would you prefer to interview? We have slots available between 10am and 6pm.
- Anything else you want us to consider or be aware of for your interview.

Please note that we might not be able to interview everyone who applies but we will get back to you about your expression of interest by Wednesday 7th October.



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