

Lighthouse Open Call 2026 | BURROW

All things must rest to grow!

Thank you for expressing interest in our Lighthouse Open Call 2026.

BURROW is a multidisciplinary community visual arts exhibition which will run across our Main Gallery here at Lighthouse Poole this winter.

Please head to our website for more information.

To apply, please complete this form by **midday on Thu 13 Aug 2026**.

We also have a version in Word for anyone who would prefer to work from that format.

Please note, applicants must be 18 years old on or before Thu 13 Aug 2026.

Applicants can expect to receive a response by the end of September.

KEY DATES

- Install: Mon 9 – Wed 11 Nov 2026
- Exhibition run: Thu 12 Nov 2026 – Sat 27 Feb 2027
- Private view: Thu 12 Nov 2026, 6-8pm
- Deinstall: Mon 1 March 2027

If you have any questions about the application process or how best we can accommodate your access needs, please email Nyah Boston-Shears (Creative Engagement Producer) on nyah.boston-shears@lighthousepoole.co.uk

We look forward to seeing your work!



* Required

Personal Details

In this section, please provide us with your personal details in order to proceed with your application.

1. **First name** *

2. **Surname** *

3. **Pronouns** *

4. **Birthdate** *

5. Home Address *

6. Email *

7. Phone number *

8. Social media (if applicable)

9. Website (if applicable)

About You & Your Artwork

In this section, we'd love to hear more about yourself, your practice, the selected artwork and how it engages with this year's theme: BURROW.

Once you've completed this form, please email an image of your selected artwork over to nyah.boston-shears@lighthousepoole.co.uk.

Please include the following information: - **Your full name** - **Name of artwork** - **Materials** - **Dimensions** - **Date created**

Please only submit ONE selected piece per artist. We cannot accept multiple artworks or repeated submissions.

10. **Artist bio** *Please tell us about you, your art practice, and connection to Dorset.* (maximum 1,500 characters) *

Please enter at most 1500 characters

11. **Name of the artwork submitted** (The file name of the artwork emailed to Nyah on nyah.boston-shears@lighthousepoole.co.uk e.g. *JoeBlogs.TheRedPainting.AcrylicOnCanvas.100x100cm.2026*) *

12. **How does the artwork you've chosen relate to this year's theme: BURROW?** (maximum 1,500 characters) *

Please enter at most 1500 characters

Availability

BURROW will run **Thu 12 Nov 2026 - Sat 27 Feb 2027**.

Please let us know your availability for the installation and deinstallation of the exhibition. This is only a rough estimate to inform us at this stage and won't impact your overall application.

Our Technical Team will support hanging and displaying artwork on installation days and our Creative Engagement Team, supported by a panel of local curators, will decide the layout of the exhibition in the space.

Lighthouse can provide labels, plinths, and a glass cabinet.

Please note, Lighthouse Poole cannot store artwork overnight on site.

13. Are you available to drop off your artwork at Lighthouse Poole on either of the following installation dates? *

Mon 9 Nov 2026

Tue 10 Nov 2026

Wed 11 Nov 2026

Other

14. Are you available to collect your work from Lighthouse Poole on Mon 1 March 2027? *

Yes

No

Other

Positive About Diversity

Lighthouse Poole is committed to equality of opportunity and elimination of unfair discrimination. We ensure our spaces reflect the diversity of our community.

This part of the form is optional but hugely important in enabling us to continue to understand and best support our local creative community.

Please don't hesitate to contact Nyah Boston-Shears (Creative Engagement Producer) on nyah.boston-shears@lighthouse-poole.co.uk to chat more about how best Lighthouse Poole can accommodate any access needs you have identified below.

15. **Please tell us if YOU identify as belonging to any of the following underrepresented groups:**

- d/Deaf
- Visually impaired
- Black & Global Ethnic Majority
- Female experience
- LGBTQIA+
- Socio-economically disadvantaged
- Neurodivergent
- Other

16. **Please tell us if YOUR WORK identifies with belonging to any of the following underrepresented groups:**

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Thank you!

Thank you for taking the time to answer all the questions above. You have now reached the end of the application form.

We will be back in touch by the end of September to let you know whether your work has been selected to exhibit.

In the meantime, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries at all.

We look forward to reading your application and seeing your work!

17. **Please tick the box below if you confirm that all the information provided is true and therefore wish to proceed in submitting your application for the Lighthouse Open Call 2026: ***

I accept

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