

All About You...

Tell us all about yourself.

Name: Applicant Number 2

Contact Address:

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Tell us something about you and your work:

I grew up in Torquay, Devon and moved to Reading when I was 19, for work. My day job is as a self-employed recruiter but it is my dream to work full-time as an artist. I have no formal art qualifications other than a GCSE in Art. I wasn't able to attend University when I was 18 so I am currently studying a BA (Hons) in Philosophy & Psychology in my spare time through the Open University.

All my life I have loved art, painting, and creating, right from when my Grandad used to paint with me as a small child. However, it wasn't until after I recovered from a particularly difficult bout of depression that I found the confidence to show my work to anyone else. I was overwhelmed when I sold my first painting within a week of posting it online in summer 2011 and have been building on that ever since.

My two main styles are abstract and whimsical painting. Currently I am best known for my whimsical tree paintings which have been purchased by people in the USA, Canada, Ireland, and the UK. I would however love to have the opportunity to further develop my drawing skills and build on my portfolio of abstract art. I would also love the opportunity to take a photography course so I can capture images of nature, which is a huge inspiration for my work.



All About Your Plan...

Go into as much detail as you can.

Please describe what you would do with the £500 award:

First of all I would pay for a 6-week Saturday Art Class at Reading College. The cost of this is £149. The course includes learning new ways of working, teaches consideration of the work of other artists, and includes one visit to a major London Gallery.

Next I would pay for a 10-week part-time Photography Level 2 Course at Reading College, the cost of which is £190. The course is a stage 2 course which I believe I would be ready for as I completed some photography tuition at A Level and do some photography as a hobby now.

After I had completed the Level 2 Photography Course, I would complete a Photography Level 4 Course at Reading College costing £120.

The remaining money I would put towards the purchase of a new camera. My reasons for wanting to develop my photography skills are:

1. I would like to make prints of my artwork to sell to customers who like my work but cannot afford an original painting. So far I have found it difficult to take photographs of a high enough quality for making prints.
2. I would like to be able to capture images of nature to assist with the development of my artwork.



All About Your Plan...

Your creative dream? Personal development?

If you were chosen to receive this award, who would it benefit and how?
(e.g. Would it be your personal development, a community project or other?)

Your Project Budget:

Expenditure	Projected	Confirmed
	£149	
	£190	
	£120	
Total	£459	



The small print...

Supporting Documents

A sample of my school GCSE artwork

<http://community.art-is-fun.com/photo/albums/school-work>

A sample of my abstract work

<http://community.art-is-fun.com/photo/albums/abstract>

Some of my whimsical tree art

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/louisemead/sets/72157627392689176/>

