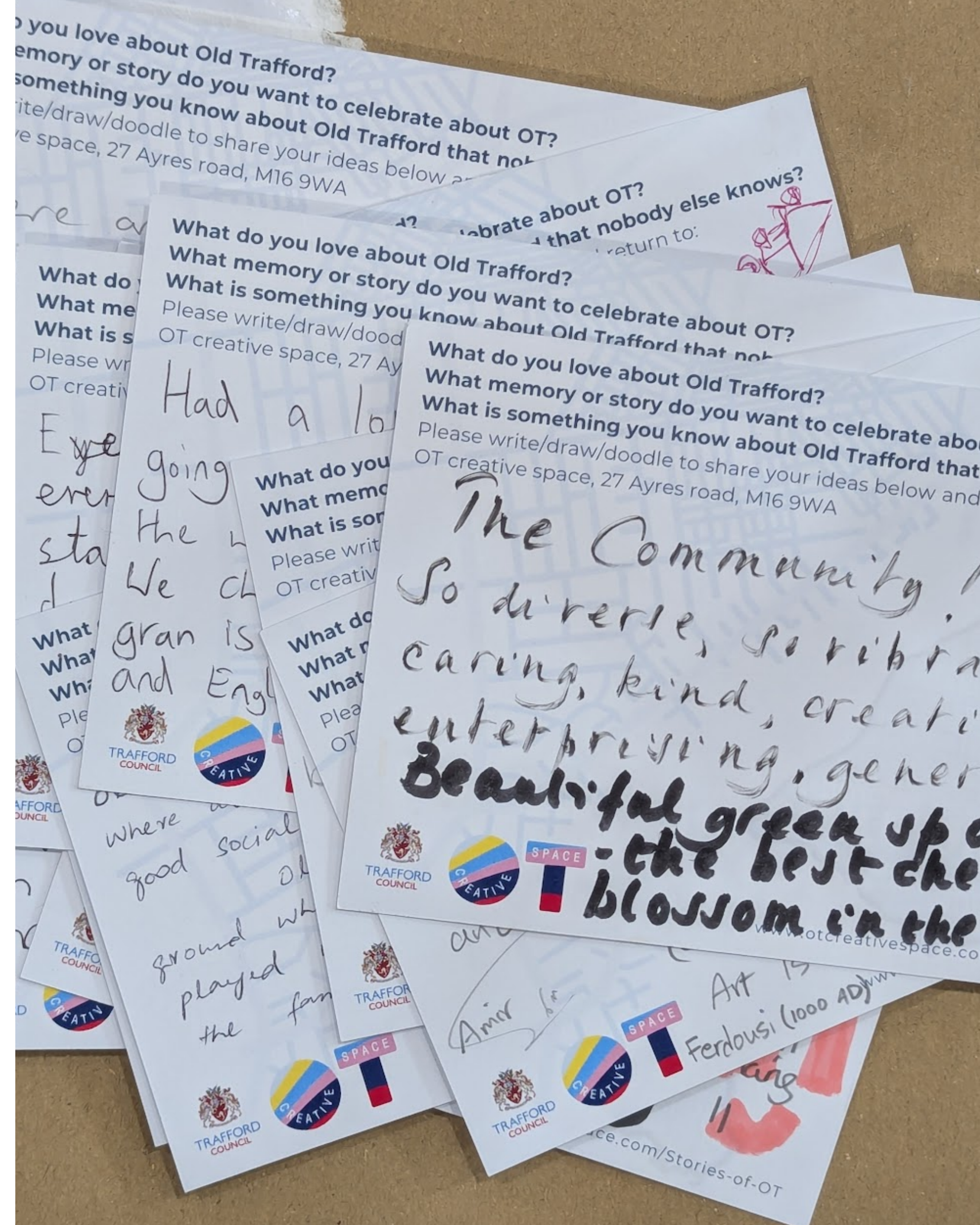


# Artist Commission

Our Creative Lives -  
Stories of OT to  
Celebrate Mural



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# Project Brief

## Background

Building on 'The Stories of OT to Celebrate' postcard project delivered in Autumn 2025 as part of **Our Creative Lives** with Trafford Council, OT creative space is seeking to commission an artist to design and deliver a new public mural celebrating the people, stories, identity, and creativity of Old Trafford.

The original postcard project invited local residents and primary school children to share stories of what they love, value, and celebrate about Old Trafford through drawings, messages, memories, and reflections. The project gathered a rich collection of visual and written responses that captured the diversity, pride, culture, and everyday experiences of the local community.

We are now looking for an artist to creatively respond to this material and transform it into a vibrant and welcoming public artwork.



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# Location

Alongside the visual artwork, the mural will also connect with accompanying poetry and spoken word pieces being developed by Young Identity, helping to further celebrate local voices, stories, and experiences through multiple creative forms. Spoken word and audio pieces will be accessible through QR codes installed alongside the artwork.

The mural will be located on a prominent wall at Brooks Bar / Shrewsbury Street, acting as a welcoming visual gateway into Old Trafford and an opportunity to celebrate the area through public art.

Wall dimensions: 2.7m by 8m (approx)

Banner: 150cm by 444cm

The Mural will be added into the OT art Trail  
[otcreativespace.co.uk/OTarttrail](http://otcreativespace.co.uk/OTarttrail)

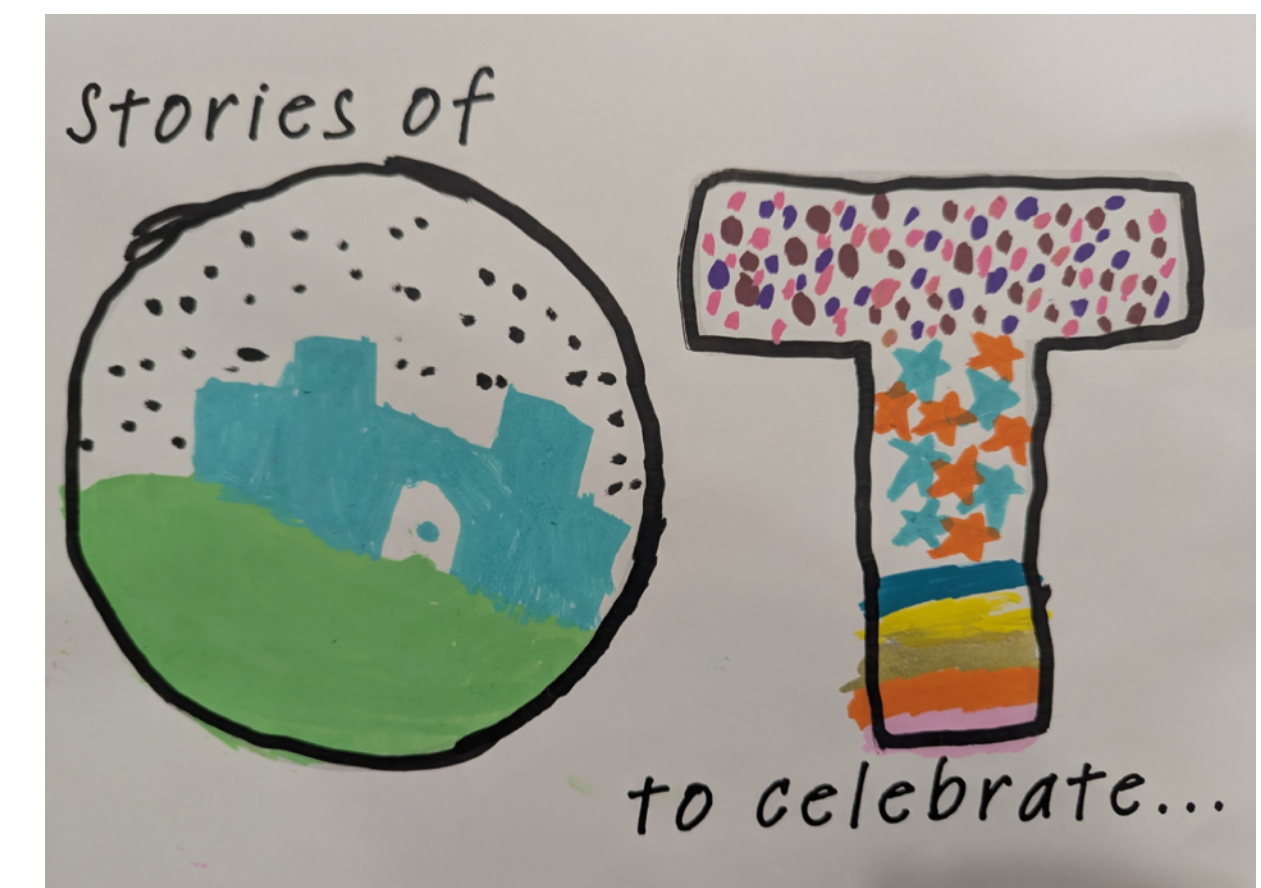
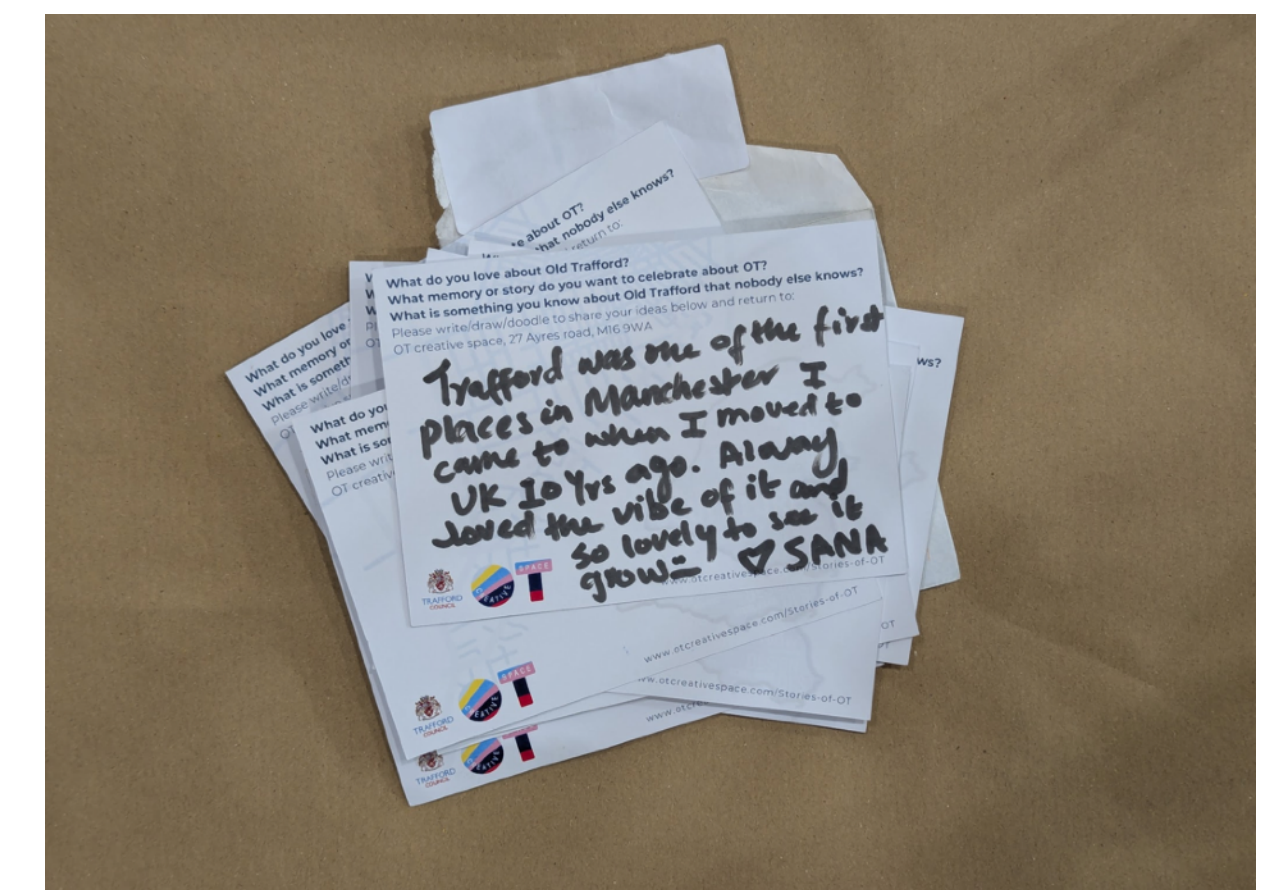
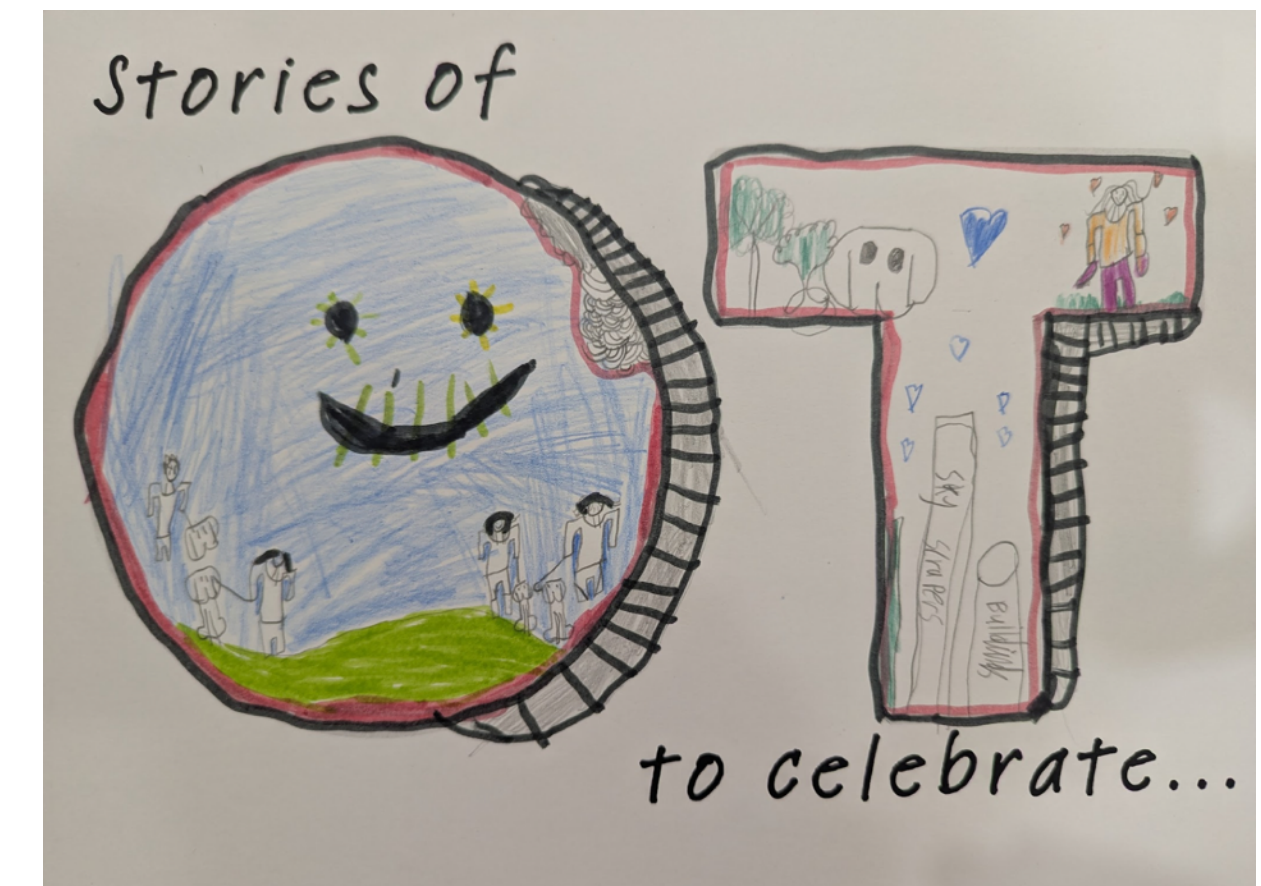


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# What We're Looking For

We are seeking an artist who:

- Has experience in mural or large-scale public artwork
- Has an interest in community-led and socially engaged creative practice
- Can creatively interpret and respond to community-generated content
- Understands the importance of accessibility, inclusion, and representation within public art
- Can work collaboratively with OT creative space and project partners
- Has a connection to Old Trafford



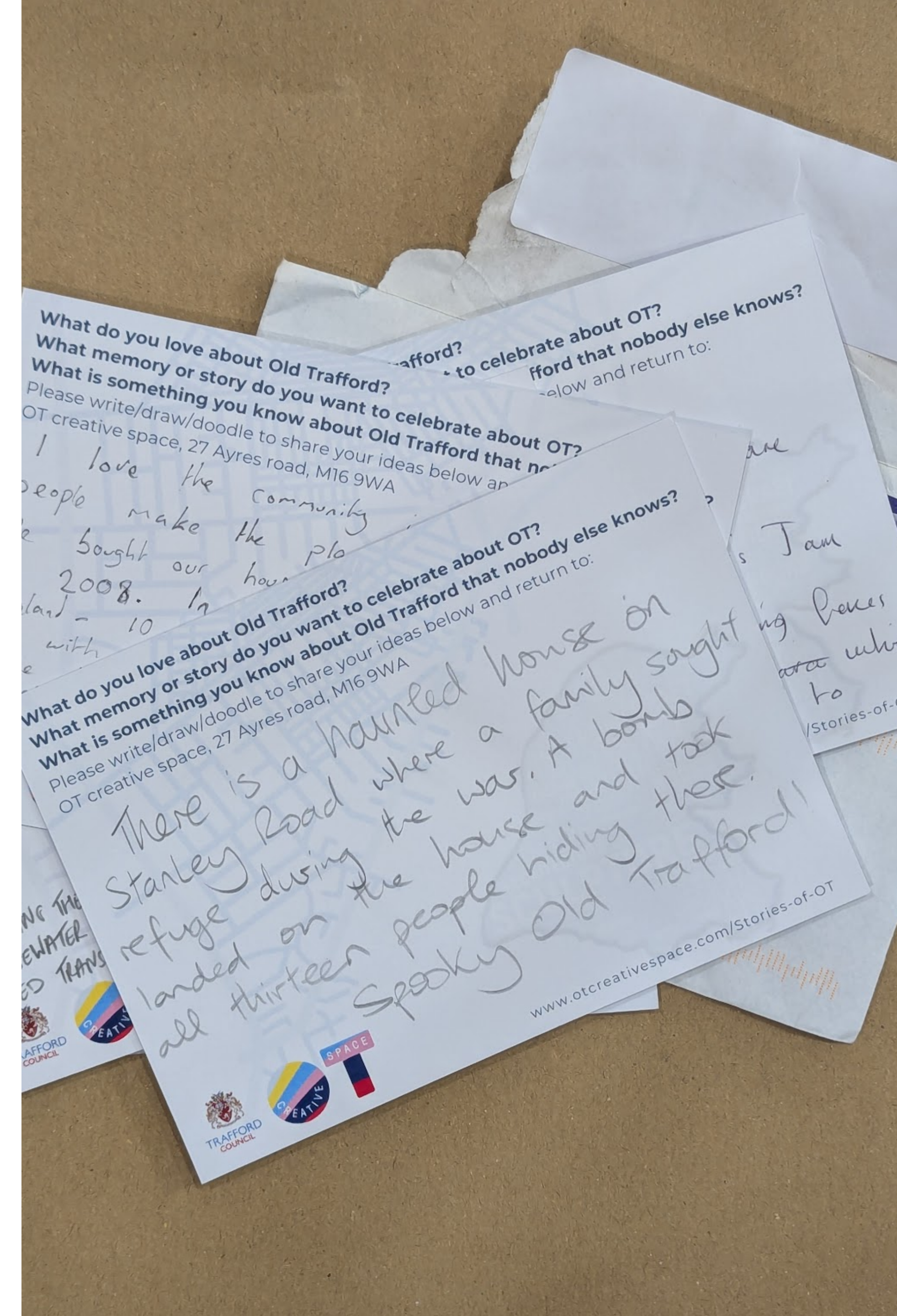
# Outcomes

## The mural aims to...

- Celebrate Old Trafford through community stories of place and creativity as part of **Our Creative Lives**
- Create a welcoming and visually engaging public artwork
- Amplify children and local residents' voices within the public realm
- Encourage pride, belonging, and connection within the community
- Contribute to the growing creative identity of Old Trafford
- Become part of the OT art trail that runs across Old Trafford



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# Project details

## Timeline and Budget

**14th June** – Artist application deadline

**16th June** – Mural Artist commission confirmed and initial meeting arranged to share artwork

**13th July** - Design finalised and approved

**15th - 20th July** –Mural artwork painted

**22nd / 23rd / 29th July** – Public showcase at Limelight, including visual launch and audio/spoken word accessible via QR code

**August** – Project completed

**Artist Fee** - £1000 (including design and painting )

**Materials and equipment** - £400

**Banner printing** - £200



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# Application info

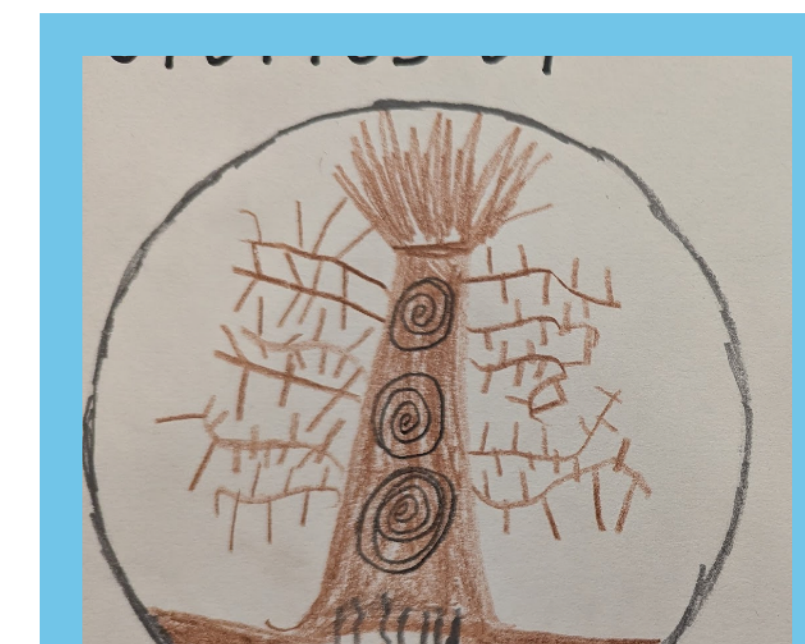
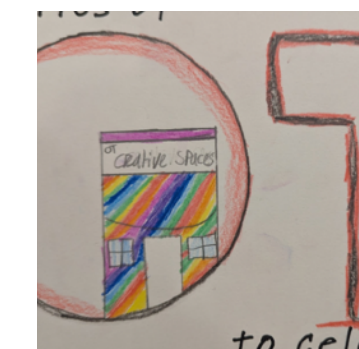
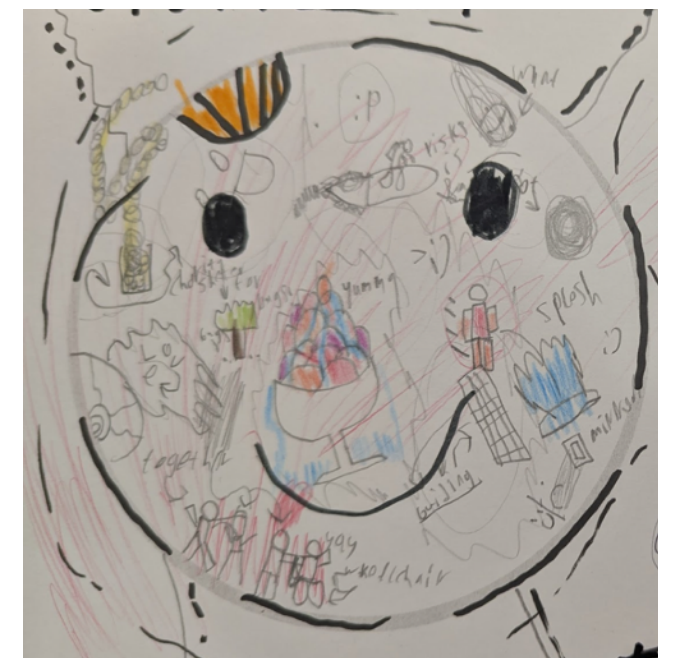
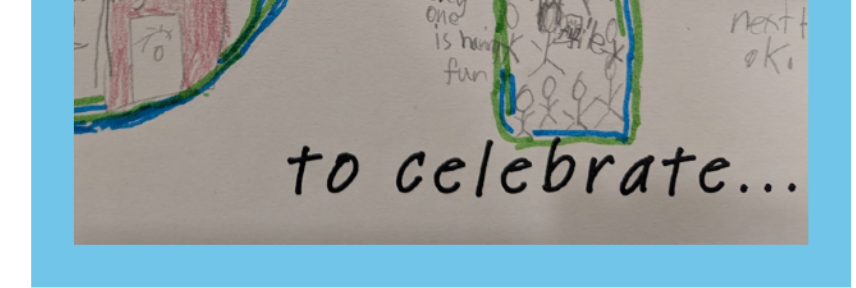
## Artists are invited to submit:

- Examples of previous relevant work
- A short expression of interest outlining their approach to the brief and connection to Old Trafford
- Any relevant experience working with communities or public art projects
- Complete our anonymous equal opportunities form [here](#)
- **Email [admin@otcreativespace.co.uk](mailto:admin@otcreativespace.co.uk) by 14th June 2026**

We particularly welcome applications from artists connected to Old Trafford and from Global Majority, underrepresented, and community-focused creative practitioners.



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# Our Creative Lives

OT creative space and the Old Trafford Cluster are working in collaboration with Trafford Council through Our Creative Lives, a project that seeks to make creativity and cultural activity accessible to everyone in the borough.



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