***New Annual Emerging Contemporary Visual Arts Prize 2016***

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***BRIEF FOR AWARD COMMISSION***

***Celebrating creativity and excellence in partnerships between business and the arts***

Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce (GMCC) Emerging Contemporary Visual Arts Prize is a new annual competition, which has been created to provide a platform for emerging contemporary visual artists to become connected to the business community across the region. The prize will be presented at the Chamber’s annual dinner, billed as a, “wholehearted celebration of the quality and diversity of Greater Manchester business”, taking place at the Victoria Warehouse, Manchester on Thursday 19th May 2016.

**GMCC wishes to commission an artist or designer to create 4 awards which will be presented to the winners of the various categories. An all-inclusive fee of £1600 + VAT will be paid for this commission (fee to cover all 4 awards, not fee per award). The fee will cover all design, making, packaging and transportation costs. Each award must be durable, made of sustainable/imperishable materials and be able to be handled safely in-line with the UK Health & Safety Executive** [**'Manual Handling'**](http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/INDG143.pdf) **recommendations.**

**Criteria for the design:**

* This commission opportunity is open to both artists and designers living and/or working in Greater Manchester.
* The awards should be distinctive and suitable to celebrate a successful partnership between business and the arts.
* The awards should encapsulate a theme (at the interpretation of the artist or designer), which embraces the 10 local authorities of Greater Manchester: Bolton, Bury, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport, Manchester, Trafford, Tameside and Wigan.
* The awards should be attractive and of value to the recipients and should be suitable for display at the winners’ premises.
* 3 of the 4 awards should be stylistically similar but need not be identical. The 4th award will be presented to the *Overall Winner* and should therefore stand out from the other awards in some way.
* The awards should be easy to display at the ceremony, and of a size and weight that ensures that they can be comfortably presented and carried. The awards should be between 9–14 inches high.
* Each award should be provided with packaging so that it can be transported by the winner.
* Each award must feature the following phrases:
1. Overall Winner: *“GMCC Emerging Contemporary Visual Arts Prize 2016 – Overall Winner”*
2. X3 Runners Up: “*GMCC Emerging Contemporary Visual Arts Prize 2016 – Runner Up”*

The phrases can be incorporated into the design of the award itself or can be placed on a plinth on the award, if this is more appropriate.

* The 4 awards must be delivered to GMCC, Elliot House, 151 Deansgate, Manchester M3 3WD, no later than Friday 29th April 2016.
* The artist or designer must be willing to collaborate with GMCC on any publicity associated with the commission.
* The commission is open to artists and designers living and working in Greater Manchester or Greater Manchester artists and designers living and working elsewhere.

Proposals must include:

* 1. Artist or Designer CV and short biography (250 words maximum).
	2. Proof of residency or workplace in Greater Manchester (domestic/work premises utility bill in name of artist or designer).
	3. Photographs/website links of examples of current work/commissions.
	4. Drawings/photographs of proposed designs
	5. Short narrative explaining the design, materials used and how the design responds to the design criteria, detailed above

Deadline for Proposals is: Friday 1st April 2016, 5pm.

Proposals are to be submitted by email to GMCC, (containing the above 5 elements) at:

Email:**arts@gmchamber.co.uk**

No fee will be paid for the proposal.

**If you have any further queries regarding this brief, please email:** **arts@gmchamber.co.uk**