



Open call to artists for summer 2022

Look.

What do you see?

A pretty garden, an Instagram-worthy picture, a place for space and wellbeing?

Look again.

Nature gives us food, nature gives us life.

Kew Science is at the forefront of work around food security, biodiversity and protecting the world's plants from climate change.

The main theme of our summer 2022 programme is food security. It's a three-month programme highlighting the importance of Kew's scientific work in this area and seeks to connect our visitors to nature in new and innovative ways.

We're seeking submissions from artists of all disciplines (sound designers, sculpture artists, food artists etc.) for our summer programme 2022.

The varied artworks in the programme will add a new layer to visitors' understanding and enjoyment of the landscape, encouraging them to reconnect and experience nature with fresh eyes and ears!

We're looking for artists that want to give a cultural response to Wakehurst and Kew Science, exploring exciting ways to connect our audience with nature, while communicating the core work that Kew Science is doing in the areas of food security and biodiversity.



The overall themes of the programme are:

- Food security
- Biodiversity for a healthy planet and body
- Taste and diversity in our diet
- Waste
- Water intensity for food production
- Agriculture/over-farming
- Natural capital

We are looking to commission between six and ten installations of different scales with budgets ranging from £5,000 to £30,000.

Deadline

Expression of interest by 30 June.

For more details and how to apply please visit contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/57be1815-4b96-4fde-bb53-6332259afef3.

'Never before has it been so important to unlock the untapped potential of plant and fungal diversity to contribute to sustainable development. A green recovery is the only solution we must strive for. One in which we preserve nature, emit less carbon, become more self-sufficient. And one in which the world's 8 million other species are given the right and conditions to thrive – for the sustainable future of people and our planet.'

Kew's Director of Science, Professor Alexandre Antonelli

Wakehurst