

# Liskeard 4<sup>th</sup> Plinth

## Introduction

The 4<sup>th</sup> Plinth art project in Leister Square has been a great success promoting the city as a cultural centre and showcasing artistic talent in a prominent public position for all to enjoy. Liskeard could mirror this success by installing a plinth for displaying sculptures which edify the town and promote local artists.

## Basic Principles

A temporary or permanent plinth to be constructed in a prominent position within Liskeard town centre. Sculptures would be chosen from local artists, commercial artists or commissioned for display on the plinth for 6 months. The Mayor will select the sculpture from a shortlist prepared by the Parks and Open Spaces committee.

## Location

A prominent location in Liskeard town centre would make the exhibit accessible to the greatest number of people and aid with security. The open space along Barras Street near the junction with Pike Street would be both prominent and secure. Space saving solutions such as a removable plinth or built over existing structures (i.e. above planters or above the fountain) would make best use of the limited area available.

## Construction

The plinth should be constructed from sustainable materials to meet climate change objectives, wood being the most appropriate construction material.

A virtual plinth could be considered to complement the physical structure. This would be used to showcase shortlisted artworks and reach a wider audience.

## Costs

All costs given are very rough estimates and need to be researched further

Wooden Plinth £15,000

Virtual Plinth £10,000

Selection and awards/hire of sculpture £3,000 p.a.

Installation £2,000 p.a.

## Funding

The project would be funded through national grants.

[National Lottery Projects Grants £30,000 and Under](#)  
[Arts Council England](#)

## Invitation Process

Local artists would be prioritised

## **Selection Process**

Local artists would be prioritised however all artists would be considered to provide a varied and rounded experience for Liskeard residents.

### **Open Invitation**

Schools, Colleges and local artists will be able to submit their application to have their art displayed.

### **Commissions**

Liskeard Town Council could apply for funding to commission sculptures that would celebrate the town, focusing on national and local anniversaries.

### **Commercial Artists**

Leading artists could be approached to hire their works.

### **Loan Schemes**

Approach public bodies that might be in a position to loan stock items not on current display.

## **Timeframe of Project**

Go live with first installation Q1 2023. Aim for a 6 month rotation or when appropriate sculptures become available.