



## CONNECTING THREADS 6 WEEK CREATIVE INTERNSHIP

**Connecting Threads** is the cultural strand of the landscape-scale project Destination Tweed. Led by the Tweed Forum and supported by The Southern Uplands Partnership, Destination Tweed aims to celebrate the culture, environment and communities of the River Tweed.

Since November 2020, Connecting Threads has been developing ideas for a 5-year cultural programme shaped by the river's habitats and heritage. Our ambition is to create a cultural ecosystem around the river, joining the hubs of Berwick and Dumfries through a constellation of cultural activity, events, artist residencies, festivals and conferences.

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### The Opportunity

In partnership with the Creative Arts and Business Network (CABN) we are offering a six-week internship for an emerging creative or cultural practitioner, aged 18 – 30 years old, based within the Scottish Borders.

We are looking for an engaged individual with the relevant skills and an interest in gaining work experience in the arts and culture sector.

The internship will provide an opportunity to:

- gain experience of running cultural events with communities and creative practitioners
- strengthen graphic design skills
- experiment with and explore different forms of physical and digital documentation
- develop understanding of funding application processes
- assist with the development of a new cultural programme for the South of Scotland

Through the summer we have been producing a series of pilot workshops and events with river communities between Innerleithen and Kelso. We

are looking for an intern to take part in the remaining events in our calendar and document these in visual and engaging ways which can be shared with a wider audience.

With much work having already taken place, including a range of pilot workshops, we would also like the intern to assist us with the production of physical and digital documentation of our work so far, including, for example, the creation of postcards and digital catalogues.

The activities we would like the intern to assist with include, but are not limited to:

- Recording events and project activity through photography and / or filmmaking
- Designing and producing event documentation, including editing images and creating physical and digital items.
- Collating and presenting feedback from events and engagement activity.
- Sharing and promoting Connecting Threads activity through social media.
- Contributing to the Connecting Threads newsletter
- Compiling a cultural audit of people, places and events in and around the Tweed.

### Skills & Experience

We are looking for an organised and self-motivated individual with strong visual communication skills.

In addition, the following skills and experience would be an advantage:

- Working towards or already gained an undergraduate degree in a related field
- Interest in the culture and communities of the River Tweed
- Strong visual and written communication
- Photography and / or filmmaking skills
- Adept at using social media for promotion
- IT (Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Suite)

## Details

The opportunity is offered three days a week for six weeks in August and September, with the option for a further two-week extension, subject to a review. The exact dates of the placement will be agreed with the intern, who will be able to work flexibly through the placement period.

Due to the nature of the project, some travel will be required and therefore access to a car is helpful. However, we are happy to discuss alternative travel options and would encourage anyone with an interest in the opportunity to apply regardless of their access to a vehicle.

Travel and other expenses will be covered, and the intern will be provided with a weekly stipend of £150.

Applicants will need to carry their own Public Liability insurance. This can be obtained through purchasing membership to one of the organisations below:

Scottish Artists Union  
[www.artistsunion.scot/join](http://www.artistsunion.scot/join)

The Artists Information Company  
[www.a-n.co.uk/join/](http://www.a-n.co.uk/join/)

Axisweb  
[www.axisweb.org/membership/](http://www.axisweb.org/membership/)

## How to Apply

To apply, please complete the application form on the following page and provide an up-to-date CV (no longer than 2 sides of A4).

In addition, you are welcome to submit visual materials to support your application. This could include links to a website, social media or Vimeo account. Space for these links is included on the application form. You may also submit up to 6 jpegs of your work. If doing so, please make sure each image is no more than 2mb.

Applications should be emailed to [emily@sup.org.uk](mailto:emily@sup.org.uk) by 5pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

Informal zoom interviews will take place the first week in August, with the selected applicant able to begin their placement from the 9<sup>th</sup> August onwards.

If you have any questions about the internship, the application process or accessibility requirements, please get in touch with Emily: [emily@sup.org.uk](mailto:emily@sup.org.uk)

