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APPLICATION FOR ARTS MENTORING

Koestler Arts is the UK's best-known prison arts charity. We award, exhibit and sell artworks from people in prisons, Young Offender Institutions, Probation teams, Secure Units, Immigration Removal Centres and secure mental health facilities.

Through our mentoring opportunities, we offer support to people who want to develop their arts-based activities and skills by having one-to-one mentoring sessions with a Mentor.

Koestler Mentors are trained artists, writers and musicians who volunteer to support people who have been involved in the criminal justice system and who would like to develop their arts interests.

If you would like to receive support from one of our mentors, please fill out this application form with as much detail about you and your arts interests as possible. You can also attach additional information to this form as it will really help us in finding you a suitable mentor - for example you could send examples/copies of your work or include a letter or supporting statement from an arts tutor, teacher or writer in residence.

Please note, that a failure to disclose relevant information such as previous convictions may mean that we are unable to consider your application.

Once we have received your application, we will seek a **reference** to support your participation in the mentoring scheme and there is space on the form for you to give us details of who we should contact. If you are still in prison, or are on licence in the community, please give details of a Probation Officer, Offender Manager or Key Worker. If you are no longer being supervised by a criminal justice agency, please give the contact details of a relevant professional who can support your application.

Please be aware that we are only able to work with a limited number of individuals. Unfortunately Koestler cannot guarantee that a mentor will be found for every applicant.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding the completion of this application form please contact a member of the Outreach & Involvement team on 0208 740 0333 or email lena@koestlerarts.org.uk.

Please return completed application forms to:

Lena Koessner FREEPOST Koestler Arts

or, if you are using a stamp to: Outreach Team, Koestler Arts, 170 Du Cane Road, London, W12 0TX

REMEMBER - You must let us know if your contact details change after you have submitted this application



ARTS MENTORING APPLICATION FORM

PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

SURNAME	FORENAME							
ESTABLISHMENT	PRISON NUMBER							
DATE OF BIRTH/	AGE							
ARTS INTEREST								
1. Please state your <u>main</u> area of arts interest - this is the art form(s) which you would like to be mentored in e.g. fine arts, drawing, sculpture, poetry etc.								
2. Please indicate, by ticking the appropriate box, which other art form(s) you work in or wish to develop:								
□ Craft □ Needlecraft/Textiles □ Poetry □ Drawing □ Painting □ Pottery □ Graphic Design □ Pastels □ Prose - Fiction & Non-Fiction □ Magazine Design □ Photography □ Sculpture □ Music & Performance □ Playwriting for radio/stage/TV □ Watercolour painting								
PREVIOUS CONTACT WITH KOESTLER								
Have you ever entered the Koestler Awards? YES NO								
If 'Yes' please give details e.g. year, art form, title of entry:								
Have you ever won a Koestler Award? Have you ever had work exhibited at a Koestler exhibition? If 'Yes' please give details:								
HELP REQUIRED								
Please tell us what help you need by ranking the top 5 support requirements, where 1 is your top priority:								
Finding out about exhibitions and events	Developing your Technique							
Accessing resources in your local community	Exhibiting/Disseminating your work							
Building an arts related support network	Building your self-esteem and confidence							
Applying to further education	Promoting your work							
Finding out about training courses	Developing wider hobbies and interests							
Building a Portfolio of work	Making constructive use of leisure time							
Funding opportunities	Setting goals for yourself							
Anything else?								

Please answer the following questions in as much detail as possible as it will help us determine whether we have a suitable mentor available to work with you.
What activities or training courses are you currently involved with?
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Are there any courses or activities that you would like to take part in but are not able to do at the moment?
What are your interests outside of art (e.g. sport, film)?
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What do you think you would like to do in the future?
Is there any other information you think we should know, or would like to tell us?
If you can, we strongly recommend you send examples of your work with this application,
as it will be difficult for us to progress your application without this. We are happy to
accept photocopies or photographs.
Have any additional documents been attached to this application? YES NO
If YES please give details
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ADDRESS (if known) or area for resettlement	CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER					
	EMAIL ADDRESS					
POSTCODE						
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RELEASE DATE (or anticipated month of release)	DATE OF CONVICTION	LENGIH OF SENIENCE				
CURRENT OFFENCE(S)	PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS					
KOESTLER WILL NEED TO GET A REFERENCE SUPPORTING YOUR APPLICATION BEFORE WE CAN TAKE YOUR						
APPLICATION TO THE NEXT STAGE.						
IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY A SERVING PRISONER OR ON PROBATION, YOU WILL NEED TO PROVIDE CONTACT DETAILS FOR YOUR OFFENDER MANAGER, OR AN EXTERNAL PROBATION OFFICER.						
In the instance that you are unable to provide contact details for either an offender manager or probation officer, we will accept a suitable relevant professional. By filling out this form you give consent for Koestler to speak with the person named below, and any other relevant professionals, about your involvement in the scheme. A copy of this form will also be sent to them for their records.						
NAME	ADDRESS					
RELATIONSHIP TO YOU						
TELEPHONE NUMBER						
EMAIL ADDRESS	POSTCODE					
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I CONFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM MAY BE SHARED WITH MY MENTOR AND A COPY SENT TO MY REFEREE.						
SIGNATURE						
DATE						
Please let us know if any of your details change after you have submitted this application						

Please return to: Koestler Arts Centre, 170 Du Cane Road, London, W12 0TX