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**CALLING CURIOUS PEOPLE IN  
BARTLEY GREEN, EDGBASTON, HARBORNE,  
NORTH EDGBASTON AND QUINTON**

We at Artscoop (a network of local artists dedicated to arts with social purposes) are tickled pink to announce that we've got funding from Birmingham City Council to find out how 'home art' made by people living in SW Birmingham could feature in the Culture Programme of the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games.

By 'home art', we mean all those joyfully creative things that people make or do for themselves, their friends, families or work mates. Think whacky signs or banners, decorated gardens, inventions made in sheds, NHS rainbows, knitted oddities, floral shrines at accident spots, fancy dress, or ingenious scarecrows, There are hundreds of other unpredictable ways people celebrate who they are, where they live or work, and what they believe in.....or they just do it for fun.

Home art definitely isn't part of the 'art world': galleries and other arts institutions usually dismiss it, and it's ignored by so-called experts. No matter, we're asking people themselves to help us discover good examples in SW Birmingham. Between now and the end of January, send us photographs of what you think is home art and we'll pay you for the ones we select to go in our on-line gallery. And that's only the start – before Easter, we'll be asking people how they think we can put on a show for 2022.

If this interests you as a way of showing the world that Birmingham people are creative in their own special ways, get in touch at [Info@artscoopcentral.co.uk](mailto:Info@artscoopcentral.co.uk). We'll send you information about what you can do and how to do it. Hope to hear from you, because we can't do this without the people who live in Bartley Green, Edgbaston, Harborne, North Edgbaston and Quinton.

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