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The Paper Rhino team: Amanda Rigby, Jason Duckmanton and Dominic Le-Hair, with Jay Gearing hard at work in the background.



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AMANDA RIGBY OF PAPER RHINO

Paper Rhino is a group of arts practitioners based in the Allia Future Business Centre in Peterborough. They will be creating a space filled with public artwork for the local community to share and celebrate their stories and experiences along Lincoln Road.

What is the project about?

We were invited by Peterborough Presents to tender for a couple of local projects, and one of those was a proposal for some street art in Lincoln Road. It’s cross-cultural and aims to involve different generations and different sectors of the community, celebrating Lincoln Road as a new creative hub in the city and giving a new pride and confidence to the area. The project sets out to empower people to say ‘this is where we come from, this is who we are, we are proud of it and want to celebrate it!’ Some of that will involve images based on our consultations with local people, but also silhouettes and the use of text on the walls.

What will be happening?

The project will begin with a series of creative community engagement workshops, drawing together people from a diverse range of backgrounds, generations and cultures to discuss the things that they feel most represent them (people, places, food, music, art etc.) and sharing their local legends, heroes and influences with one another. As part of the workshops we will seek to harvest a bank of imagery and words, and will also be asking participants to be involved in photography, taking and posing for portraits or silhouettes. After the consultation, we’ll continue to research the stories and themes further for two months, gathering together the best elements and honing them. The next phase will be the artwork creation. We’ll create a number of sketches, leading to final drawings and developing the colour palette, patterns and details.

The work will basically take three forms:

- **Characters** that celebrate historical heroes and important figureheads in the community, honouring their influence on the area or the local community. It’s a chance to create fantastical characters inspired by local folklore and history – but characters could, for example, be made from strips of various faces, representing multiple communities.
- **Typography** to immortalise words from unsung heroes, poems, songs or cultural icons that have influenced the lives of local people.
- **Silhouettes** on pavements and walls which fall like a permanent shadow. Feature historical icons and important figureheads in the community, honouring their influence on the area and the people who live there.

Created in spray paint and pens over two months, the final pieces will be a fabulous concoction of history and culture and hopefully will get everyone talking!

How can local people get involved?

We’ll be shouting out across social media, but people are welcome to contact us ahead of that via Facebook or our website. We don’t want it to be stuffy. We like to talk to people!

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