



# FUTURE PROOF ARTS FUNDING

## "SHAPING THE FUTURE"

### Manifesto

*'Public Art That Brings to Life the Better Future Within Our Grasp.'*

#### What We Mean by Public Art:

- Art *for* the public, not for personal expression alone, *and* placed in public spaces where it can inspire community-wide engagement.
- This is about community-building through creativity.

#### Our Mission

- To transform practical, tangible elements of a better future into beautiful, thought-provoking works of art.

#### Core Principles

##### 1. Visionary Yet Practical

Showcase real, achievable ideas, systems, and technologies that can improve our lives—community-driven solutions that work for the many, not abstract dreams or corporate interests.

##### 2. Beauty with Layers

Create art that a six-year-old finds beautiful but that also offers deeper meaning for those who want to explore its underlying message.

3. **Community-Focused**

Designed by and for the community, with Bristol as our starting point. This art should feel inclusive, fostering a sense of belonging and empowerment.

4. **Democratic, Not Corporate**

Highlight grassroots efforts, quirky innovators, and local visionaries whose ideas can inspire collective action.

5. **Nonjudgmental Inspiration**

Offer positive alternatives without prescribing solutions, judging lifestyles, or relying on fear or guilt.

6. **Accessible and Tangible**

Focus on how these visions can improve everyday life:

- *Lower energy bills*
- *Better food*
- *Warmer homes*
- *Greater community participation*
- *Practical steps toward a more fulfilling future*



What We Create

- Public Installations: Engaging, dynamic works of art that live in public spaces.
- Not just murals that fade into the background but installations that surprise, provoke, and inspire.
- Can include launch events or performative layers, but the core artwork must stand on its own.
- Art as Advocacy:  
Every piece highlights solutions already underway, making the possible future vivid and real.
- It's fun, provocative, and magical — not dry or overtly educational.

## Focusing on Solutions

We spotlight ideas that:

- Are apolitical yet practical, appealing to common sense across divides.
- Empower communities, shifting power from the few to the many.
- Build social unity, agency, and wisdom.
- Champion diverse voices and equitable systems.

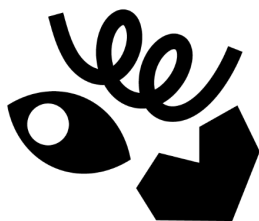
***'This is not rebellion, which tears down. This is creation, which builds'***

## What It's Not

- Not Instructions or Judgement: We inspire, not dictate.
- Not Problem-Focused: We don't dwell on what's wrong but on what's possible.
- Not Preachy: Our tone is celebratory and positive, offering people a choice without criticism.

## In Conclusion

*FUTURE PROOF exists to show that a better future isn't just possible—it's already within reach. Through art, we invite communities to see, feel, and believe in that future. Together, we can build it.*



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