

## Barnsley Civic x Maurice Dobson Museum

Maurice Dobson Museum & Heritage Centre and Barnsley Civic are proud to announce a new commission opportunity in celebration of both LGBTQ History Month and the legacy of Maurice Dobson.

**£750 commission for one Barnsley artist identifying as LGBTQIA+. Application deadline 9th February, 5pm.**

In partnership with the Maurice Dobson Museum, Barnsley Civic will offer one artist identifying as LGBTQIA+, living, working or studying in Barnsley an opportunity to create new work inspired by the museum's collections and the legacy of Maurice Dobson.

Maurice and his partner Fred Halliday were collectors of antiquities and owned the village shop at 2 Vicar Rd, Darfield, where the Maurice Dobson Museum and Heritage Centre now stands today. Maurice and Fred lived as an openly gay couple from the early 1950s until Fred died in 1988. The way Maurice chose to live his life, in such a proud and defiant way, is definitely inspirational. In a time when homosexuality was still illegal and posed the threat of a prison sentence, it was common to see Maurice wearing makeup and flamboyant fashions.



# MAURICE SAYS RELAX

### THE CHOSEN APPLICANT WILL

- given the opportunity to visit the museum and explore its collection, finding out about the history of the objects within and the history of Maurice Dobson.
- a £750 commission to create new work inspired by the legacy of Maurice Dobson, which will go on display in the museum's tearoom as part of Pride Month 2024.

### HOW TO APPLY

If you would like to apply for this opportunity,

- Please send an example of your creative practice; no more five images, or a five minute video/audio file of work.
- In no more than 300 words, describe how you are suited to this opportunity.
- Complete the attached Arts Council Equal Opportunities Form.
- Send your application to [jasonwhite@barnsleycivic.co.uk](mailto:jasonwhite@barnsleycivic.co.uk) by 9th February, 5pm.

Successful candidates will be contacted 16th Feb.