



The Bee Friendly Trust • Coram's Fields • 93 Guilford Street • London WC1N 1DN  
Registered charity: 1161614

# The Bee

## OPEN COMPETITION FOR BEE SCULPTURE

**The Bee Friendly Trust is launching a competition for a bee sculpture for display inside the main concourse of London Bridge Rail Station.**

The Bee Friendly Trust invites entries from artists to create a high-quality, innovative, educational, and engaging piece of public art.

The finished artwork will be displayed at London Bridge Rail Station, London.

### **Competition Brief**

A design for a bee sculpture that can be installed by suspension inside a frame or mounted on a plinth in the main concourse of London Bridge Station.

There is flexibility over the size of the final sculpture, but it should be scalable to 2m – 3m and as light as possible.

The sculpture should represent a honey bee (*Apis mellifera*).

The sculpture should be constructed from primarily recycled materials including recycled drinks cans.

The design should include the possibility of at least one moving part. Moving parts can be electric powered but do not have to be.

The design should reflect the mission statement of the Bee Friendly Trust.

The design should draw on and connect with the biodiversity initiatives of London Bridge Rail Station, including planting projects, community engagement and zero waste.

London Bridge Rail Station is used by all ages so the sculpture should appeal to and be appropriate for a wide demographic.

Given the high footfall to the station, maintaining a safe, obstruction-free environment is paramount. Therefore, the finished sculpture must be robust, secure, and self-contained.

### **Means of Entry**

Entry can be by means of two-dimensional drawings, computer graphics, three-dimensional maquette, or any combination.

For the young people's categories, entries should be in the form of a single A4 sheet of paper.



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### **Prize categories**

The main prize will be of £2,000.

The winning entry will be fabricated and installed in the station.

There will be five additional prizes for young people of £50 each.

Age groups: Infant & Primary; Secondary.

The judges will consider fabricating versions of the winning young people's entries for installation in other stations.

The judges reserve the right not to award any prize should there not be a suitable design.

### **Fabrication**

The fabrication of the winning sculpture will be undertaken either by the artist or by our consulting fabricators Amalgam.

The Bee Friendly Trust will cover the full costs of fabrication within a budget to be agreed with the artist and/or Amalgam as appropriate.

Siting of the sculpture will be decided with the station team at London Bridge.

Installation will be undertaken with Network Rail.

### **Competition Deadline and Timeline**

The closing date for entries is 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021

Winning entries announced 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Fabrication between 15<sup>th</sup> March and 15<sup>th</sup> May.

Installation date t.b.c.

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## **Judges**

The competition will be judged by representatives of the Bee Friendly Trust and London Bridge Rail Station Team, with advice from Amalgam Modelmaking.

## **A briefing pack is available on request containing:**

- Bee Friendly Trust publicity material and information about the charity's other art commissions.
- Anatomical drawing of honey bee.
- Photographs of interior of London Bridge Rail Station.
- Information about Network Rail environmental policies.
- Draft contract for final design.



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## **Application Form**

Name

Address

Phone

Email

Category: Adult / Secondary / Infant & Primary (delete as appropriate)

Please detail form of entry – eg drawing, maquette, video, web link.

**APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO:**

[emma@beefriendlytrust.org](mailto:emma@beefriendlytrust.org)

Or by post to the address above.