



BEAR'S BIG ADVENTURE TRAIL



ARTIST PACK
BEAR SCULPTURE TRAIL
PERTH & KINROSS 2026



**JOIN
THE PACK**

We need you to make this trail possible!

**We are actively encouraging submissions from the local
and regional arts community.**

For ten weeks in summer 2026, a pack of 30 Bears will take over Perth and Kinross.

Each is individually designed and painted by talented artists. The Bear Art trail will contribute to the social, cultural and economic growth of Perth and Kinross by attracting visitors to our beautiful area. The Bears will be strategically placed in streets, parks, and public spaces, transforming our community into an open air gallery.

Designs are welcomed in any medium - traditional to new media, fine art to illustrations, graffiti and mosaic. Whatever the art form, we would love to add fun and creativity to Bear's Big Adventure Trail.



**YMCA
Tayside**



**Perth and
Kinross Council
Comhairle Pheairt
is Cheann Rois**



**YMCA Tayside is committed to
providing opportunities for
young people
across Tayside.**

At YMCA Tayside we provide:

**Universal youthwork, Outdoor Adventure, STEM and Technology,
Employability skills, Life skills, Mentoring, Schools work, SQA
Qualifications and Drop-ins.**

Change, for most of us, happens because of the people we know; friends, family, school friends and workmates, they all affect who we are. Relationships matter to us. Building relationships is what we do at YMCA Tayside.

You know someone better when you do something together. At YMCA Tayside, we offer the chance to do different activities together, building relationships and impacting lives.

All of the volunteers and staff at YMCA Tayside put their time and energy into empowering young people to engage in positive relationships with us and with other young people. Most of the time our young people just need somewhere to go; a place where they can meet and get to know each other. This is why we can be found in so many different places; The Y Centre, YMCA's own premises in the City Centre, in local schools, out and about in town, and in local churches running youth groups.

HOW IT WORKS

Artist Submissions

Dec 2025

Artists are invited to submit their designs for their Bear

Pairing Event

Feb 2026

Shortlisted Artists are paired with Sponsors

Bear Trail

Summer 2026

The finished sculptures are then placed around Perthshire

Auction Event

Sep 2026

Say Goodbye to the Bears and join the Bear auction.



WHEN IT HAPPENS



Artists Submissions Open October - December 2025

Artists are invited to submit their design for the bears



Submissions Close December 2025

Artist submissions close 12th Dec, with shortlisted artists hearing back Fri 23rd Jan



Sponsorship Pairing Event February 2026

Of the shortlisted artists, 30 will be selected at a pairing event with the sponsors



Bear's Big Adventure Trail Live June - August 2026

Sculptures are placed across Perth & Kinross for 10 weeks.



Bear's Big Farewell & Auction September 2026

We say goodbye to Bears Big Adventure Trail, with a farewell and auction event.

Declarations

ARTIST STATEMENTS

Please provide a short paragraph about yourself and work written in the third person.
(This will be used on the website and other promotional materials)

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Please indicate whether you will work on your bear in a public painting space or at your private studio, giving the location of this space.

Public: ☐ St Johns Street, Perth

Private: ☐

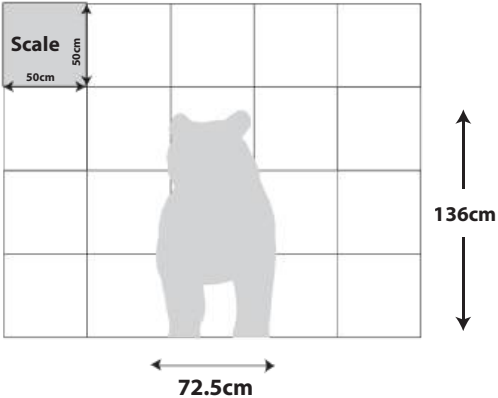
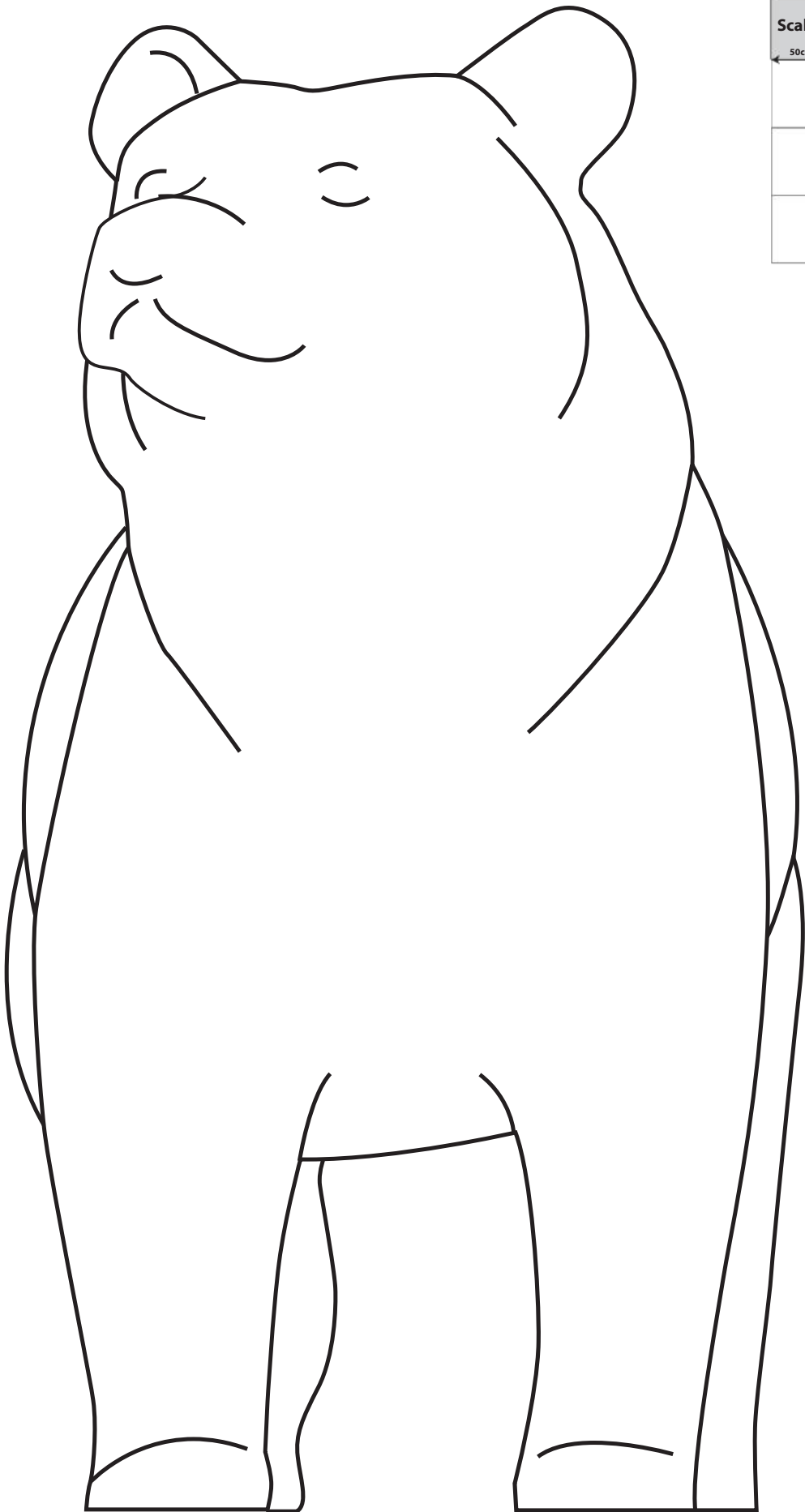
Please note either selection is not a binding commitment. If you choose to use a private studio, see note 14 in Terms and Conditions.

Please submit your design(s) by 12th December 2025

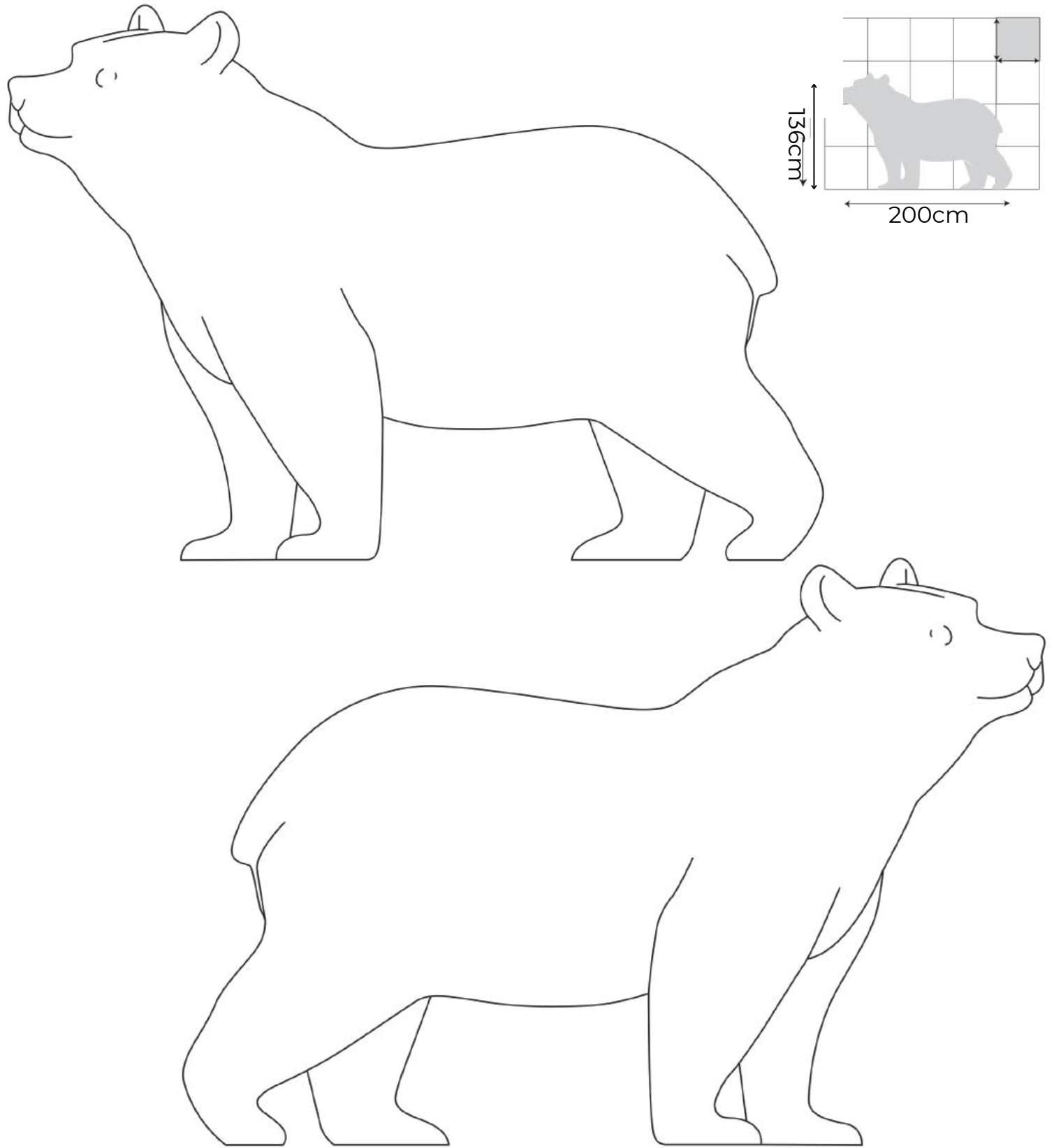
Return by email to: beartrail@ymcatayside.com

or Post : The Y Centre, 19 Atholl Street, Perth, PH1 5NH

Submission



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The Bear has been created by Wild in Art's Creative Team and has been purposefully designed to act as a 3D blank canvas to enable artists to develop their own unique work of art. These sculptures are manufactured using a mixture of Class II fire-retardant laminating resin and chopped, roving fibreglass over an initial brushed-on layer of polyester gel coat. Each Bear is finished with a primer and is ready to paint.

Sculpture Outlines

- Please complete your proposed design on the outline provided.
- Submitted artwork must be no larger than A4.
- Supporting materials are accepted but please keep them to a minimum.
- All submitted application materials will not be returned.
- Please remember to keep copies of your application form and all associated materials.

Entries must be high resolution for display purposes and be in either JPG or PDF format.

Attachments must not exceed a file size of 2MB and must be emailed to beartrail@ymcatayside.com

If submitting by post, you must include the original design templates plus two copies and return by post to:

YMCA Tayside, The Y Centre, 19 Atholl Street, Perth, PH1 5NH

Acknowledgement

By signing this application, I agree to all of the terms and conditions. I confirm that all statements made in this application are true to the best of my knowledge.

I acknowledge that YMCA Tayside or Wild in Art are not responsible for damage or loss of materials submitted.

Name (capitals please)

Signed Date:



We are so glad you are considering supporting our Bear Trail and submitting a design for this adventure. Your design will go into a longlist, and chosen designs will then go before our sponsors to choose their favourite design! On the 3rd of November 2025, we will host an open session for artists who want to come and learn more about YMCA Tayside if they feel it would benefit their design. This will be hosted at 19 Atholl Street, Perth between 1pm-3pm.

Benefits Include

-  £1000 payment for your service
-  Your design showcased across Perth and Kinross in front of hundreds of people
-  Your name and details highlighted on the statues plinth
-  Your social media pages and website shared across the trails social media



Part of the pack

How do I get involved?

Subject to being selected by a panel, your design will be included in the Design Portfolio, which is presented to sponsors. Sponsors choose their favourite artwork, and if yours is picked, you then apply the design to a sculpture.

Chosen Artwork

Commissioned artists will receive £1,000 upon completion of their artwork. Your work will be recognised across all printed material and other event collateral, including the sculpture's plaque, the official trail map, website and mobile app.

Design and Materials

When planning your design, you should bear the following points in mind:

- You may submit up to two designs.
- You will be required to sign our standard terms and conditions agreement, included below for each design you submit.
- Designs should be appropriate for public display, bearing in mind that the audience will be broad-based and of all ages.
- Designs that are overtly religious, political, or sexual in nature will not be accepted.
- We cannot accept designs which infringe on 3rd party Intellectual Property i.e. licensed film, book or tv characters, emoji's etc. This extends to IP relating to celebrity image rights, album art and all other forms of existing visual art, which cannot be used without the express written permission of the author or owner.
- Artists may alter the basic sculpture shape, but if doing so, must ensure the finished work remains structurally intact. It is recommended that only artists experienced in working with fibreglass submit designs that use this process.
- Remember that the public will touch and interact with your sculpture. Some people may even rest or sit on your sculpture. Therefore, any attachments must be robust and able to withstand this handling (including, potentially, the weight of an adult), not be likely to cause any injury, and must be durable in an outside environment.
- Project painting spaces will be provided to create your Bear in Perth City Centre. Should you wish to paint your sculpture in your own studio, you will be responsible for its collection and delivery back to the space and all associated costs. Please be aware of the size and weight of the sculptures when considering this option.
- While we welcome all art forms, experience has taught us that collage and/ or sticking paper or paper-based products onto the sculpture does not prove as effective as painting or mosaics. Please consider this before submitting your design and be mindful that most sculptures will be positioned outdoors.
- When placed on the streets, each sculpture is fixed to a base, artists are requested to keep the base area clear of any attachments.
- Artist materials are not provided. We recommend the use of water-based acrylic paints, although artificial resin paint or two-component paint can also be used to paint or spray a design. We do not recommend the use of permanent markers or solvent-based pens, which may react with the varnish. To complete your sculpture, it must be finished with a waterproof, non-yellowing varnish, which will be provided.
- Artists will not be responsible for placing their sculptures on the streets or collecting them at the end the event. However, we do ask artists to be available during and after the event for any touch-up that may be required. If an artist is unavailable, another artist will carry out this work.
- Additionally, neither corporate logos nor advertising is allowed.

Terms & Conditions

- 1.The project is open to all artists, amateur or professional.
- 2.You may submit up to two applications.
- 3.All terms and conditions in this application form a part of the agreement between you and YMCA Tayside in connection with Bears Big Adventure Trail and by submitting your work you are agreeing to be bound by all terms and conditions in this application form. You must be the sole author and owner of all intellectual property rights of the work entered, or if the work is/are not your own in full, you must have sole permission in writing from the copyright owner/s to use his/her work. Source material or proof of permission in use of another person's work must be made available on request by the selection panel. YMCA Tayside does not accept liability in the publication of any reproduced art.
- 4.The design must represent a piece of work that you have the ability to reproduce on a three-dimensional sculpture
- 5.Any additions or modifications to the Bear must be sufficiently strong to maintain structural integrity of the sculpture and must not cause injury.
- 6.To enter, the work must be received by the team by the closing date of the 12th of December 2025. All entries must be accompanied by a completed artist submission form.
- 7.No allowances will be made for work that arrives later than the deadline.
- 8.By completing the Artist Submission Form and submitting your Bear designs you consent that all data provided by you may be used by YMCA Tayside and Wild in Art for marketing, communications and evaluation purposes unless you opt out in writing. A copy of YMCA Tayside's Privacy Policy will be made available on request.
- 9.Copyright and all other IP Rights in the design belong to and remain with the Artist. However, subject to YMCA Tayside paying the £1,000 fee, the Artist grants to YMCA Tayside and Wild In Art an irrevocable royalty free licence to use the completed artwork for their purposes in connection with the Event, Bears Big Adventure Trail, and for future materials regarding the trail.
- 10.You consent to the use of your work, name and photograph in any promotional material carried out by YMCA Tayside and Wild in Art without any further compensation.
- 11.Your Work will be reviewed by YMCA Tayside and Wild in Art prior to being shown to the Event Sponsors.
- 12.Work will be commissioned following confirmation by the Event Sponsors. This decision on all matters relating to the Work selected to be used is final. No further correspondence will be entered into.
- 13.Upon commissioning, YMCA Tayside will enter into a separate contract with you to include an agreed schedule and the terms and conditions of engagement.
- 14.Upon commissioning, YMCA Tayside will provide the Bear at no cost to you. Cost of materials is your responsibility with the exception of varnish which will be provided. If you are not able to paint the Bear in the public painting space you will be responsible for cost of transporting the Bear to your studio or place of painting and returning to the designated painting space in Perth unless otherwise agreed in writing with YMCA Tayside.
- 15.You will provide a list of artist materials - specifically paint, brand and colours used in the application on the Bear.
- 16.YMCA Tayside reserves the right to withhold any fee payable to you in connection with the event if in its sole opinion the quality of the finished work provided falls below that which can be reasonably expected for public display and/ or is substantially different for the design you submitted.



YMCA Tayside consider each individual young person and how we can best support them to take their next step. We provide a variety of youth work services and support programmes to young people aged 8-25, mainly from disadvantaged backgrounds.

<https://www.ymcatayside.com>



Wild in Art is the leading producer of spectacular public art events that entertain, enrich, inform and leave a lasting legacy. It brings together with businesses and creative sectors with schools and local communities through the creation of uniquely painted sculptures.

<https://wildinart.co.uk>

**SUBMIT NO
LATER THAN
12TH DECEMBER**

**If you are posting in
your submission,
please allow
additional time for
your entry to arrive.**

Join the pack and submit your Bear Design!

Email submissions must be in PDF or JPG format and must not exceed a file size of 2MB (72dpi resolution). We will contact you if we require a high-resolution version of your submissions.

Please submit any designs via email to **beartrail@ymcatayside.com**

Alternatively, you can post your submissions to:
**YMCA Tayside
19 Atholl Street
Perth, PH1 5NH**

If you have any questions, please contact our Bear Handlers at beartrail@ymcatayside.com
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