

# VANS PROPOSALS DOCUMENT

WE AT THE CURIOUS CABINET ARE REALLY EXCITED TO LAUNCH, FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE SHOWVAN PROJECT. THREE BEAUTIFUL AND SOUL FILLED VANS READY TO RENT OUT TO PEOPLE WITH IDEAS, CREATIVITY AND VISION. GIVING ENTREPRENEURS THE CHANCE TO GENERATE THEIR OWN INCOME AND BUSINESS USING THE CHARACTER OF THE VANS AS A UNIQUE SELLING POINT AND A WONDERFUL SPACE TO NURTURE ALL KINDS OF MARVELLOUS PLANS. THIS IS A BRAND NEW PROJECT THAT WE HOPE WILL GENERATE A LOT OF INTEREST FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED AND BE A WONDERFUL ADVENTURE TO BE PART OF.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WITH ENERGY, COMMITMENT, EXCITEMENT, CREATIVITY, PRACTICAL SKILLS AND VISION AMONG THE CANDIDATES WE SELECT FOR THE THREE VANS OFFERED FOR RENT. DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO RUN YOUR OWN BUSINESS? AS AN ARTIST BUSINESS OWNER AND MAKER SADIE UNDERSTANDS HOW ENTHRALLING AND CHALLENGING IT CAN BE.

AS A SOLE ENTREPRENEUR AND CREATOR OF THE CURIOUS CABINET STUDIO, GALLERY AND GUESTHOUSE SADIE HAS AN EYE FOR WHAT MAKES SOMETHING SPECIAL AND EXTRAORDINARY.

THE GUESTHOUSE HAS BEEN RECOGNISED AS A QUIRKY, INDIVIDUALLY CREATED AND DESIGNED BUSINESS AND A TOP 10 AMONGST BRISTOL'S HOTELS AND GUESTHOUSES.

BOTH ENTHUSIASM AND A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING AND EXPECTATION OF THE ROAD AHEAD ARE ESSENTIAL QUALITIES IN OUR CANDIDATES. THIS IS WHY WE HAVE CREATED A SERIES OF QUESTIONS THAT WE WOULD LOVE OUR POTENTIAL INTERESTED PARTIES TO ANSWER FOR US, SO THAT WE HAVE A CLEARER IDEA OF YOU AND YOUR EXPECTATIONS AND EXPERIENCES. THIS WILL HELP US GET A FEEL FOR YOUR PROJECT AND HOW ADVANCED YOU ARE IN YOUR THINKING ABOUT IT, AND ALSO HELP US CONSIDER WHICH SHOWVAN MIGHT SUIT YOU AND YOUR SPACE BEST.

WE WILL THE, FROM THIS SELECTION PROCESS, BE LOOKING TO INTERVIEW AT THE NEXT STAGE FOLLOWED BY A SITE VISIT AND A 'MEET THE VANS' DAY.

GOOD LUCK! WE ARE REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU.

## YOUR PROPOSAL:

SO WE CAN GET AN IDEA OF WHO YOU ARE AND THE IDEAS AND THOUGHTS YOU HAVE, WE WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE YOU WRITING US A PROPOSAL THAT GIVES US AN OVERVIEW OF YOUR SKILLS AND LIFE EXPERIENCE AND AN OUTLINE OF YOUR IDEA ON NO MORE THAN ONE SIDE OF AN A4 PAGE. IN ADDITION TO THIS WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE AN INITIAL ROUGH FINANCIAL FORECAST.

## THE SHOW VANS: WELCOME DOT, IRIS AND SID

THE VANS EACH HAVE THEIR OWN PARTICULAR PERSONALITY AND ARE SUITED TO A WHOLE RANGE OF REALLY EXCITING PROJECTS FOR INDIVIDUAL BUSINESS IDEAS OR COLLABORATIVE VENTURES: SOME WE HAVE THOUGHT OF ARE, AIRBNB AMAZING CITY RETREAT, MASSAGE/THERAPY ROOM, COUNSELLING, HYPNOTHERAPISTS, NUTRITIONALISTS, CURIOSITY SHOP SELLING VINTAGE CLOTHES AND OBJECTS, RECORD SHOP, BOOK SHOP, BEAUTY SALON, HAIRDRESSERS, MINI PERFORMANCE THEATRE, READING ROOM STORYTELLING ROOM, CLAIRVOYANT SPIRITUALIST, PALM READER ETC.....

THE SPACE YOU HAVE IN MIND TO HOUSE THEM ON IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE FOR THEIR SAFETY AND ALSO THE ATMOSPHERE YOU ARE TRYING TO CREATE. EACH VAN IS A DIFFERENT SIZE, IRIS THE SMALLEST

IS APPROX. 19 FEET IN LENGTH AND 5.5/6FT IN WIDTH, DOT IS APPROX. 22 FEET IN LENGTH PLUS TOW BAR AND 6FT IN WIDTH, SID IS THE LARGEST AT 23 FEET BY 6FT IN WIDTH (THESE ARE ESTIMATES, EXACT SIZES PLUS TOW BAR TO COME).

THE SITE HAS TO BE SECURE AND IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. YOU WILL NEED TO CHECK PLANNING PERMISSION AND CONSENT FOR THE SPACE YOU ARE INTERESTED IN USING. BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE VANS THEY ARE FULL OF OLD SCHOOL CHARACTER AND SOUL. AS BESPOKE VINTAGE OBJECTS THEY NEED TO BE TAKEN EXTRA SPECIAL CARE OF.

THINGS THAT WILL NEED TO BE CONSIDERED INCLUDE:

1. IS THE VAN SECURE? IF IN A GARDEN IS THERE ACCESS TO GET THEM IN AND OUT? ARE THEY SAFE?
2. SIZE, WILL THE VAN FIT IN YOUR SPACE?
3. DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU ARE COLLABORATING WITH HAVE PRACTICAL SKILLS FOR MAINTENANCE AND THE VAN UPKEEP?
4. THE VANS ARE OLD SCHOOL SO WITHOUT ELECTRICITY, IF YOU NEEDED ELECTRIC HOW WOULD YOU NAVIGATE THIS?
5. INSURANCE AND PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE COVER
6. PLANNING PERMISSION AND CONSENTS
7. BUSINESS RATES AND OTHER FINANCIAL AND LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

WE WILL BE LOOKING AT YOUR PROPOSAL TO SEE HOW THE ABOVE HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED.

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### HOW MUCH WILL IT COST

ONCE YOUR IDEA HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY SELECTED, A CHOSEN VAN OR VANS WILL BE RENTED TO YOU FOR A PERIOD OF 6 TO 12 MONTHS DEPENDING ON YOUR PREFERENCE, WITH THE OPTION TO CONTINUE RENTING SHOULD YOUR BUSINESS IDEA REALLY TAKE OFF. THE RENT, DEPENDING ON YOUR VAN AND BUSINESS IDEA, WILL VARY BUT BE AGREED BETWEEN US WHEN WE SIGN A RENTAL AGREEMENT. THE COST WILL BE FROM £375 PER MONTH UP TO £525. A DEPOSIT WILL BE REQUIRED AND A MONTHLY STANDING ORDER FOR THE RENTAL PAYMENT SET UP. DATES TO BE AGREED BY BOTH PARTIES.

WE MAY ALSO INTRODUCE A RENTAL/PURCHASE OPTION AT A LATER DATE DEPENDING ON HOW THE PROJECT DEVELOPS OVER THE FIRST YEAR.

REFERENCES AND A GUARANTOR FOR THE VAN WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED

THE COST OF MOVING THE VAN AND SITING IT ON YOUR SPACE WILL BE AN INITIAL SET UP COST OF APPROX £150.

OTHER NOTES

INSURANCE AND PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE ARE ESSENTIAL TO AVOID HEFTY FINANCIAL LOSSES. ALL AVENUES SHOULD BE EXPLORED. FOR EXAMPLE: IF THE VAN IS IN YOUR GARDEN YOU MAY BE ABLE TO ADD IT TO YOUR HOUSEHOLD INSURANCE. ALWAYS GOOD TO CHECK.

ALL TAX, BOOK KEEPING AND CHECKING YOUR ELIGIBILITY FOR BUSINESS RATES IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. GENERALLY YOU ARE NOT LIABLE FOR PROFITS UNDER £12,000 BUT IT IS WORTH LOOKING INTO SHOULD YOUR FORECAST PREDICT A DIFFERENT AMOUNT ABOVE THIS.

## WHAT DO YOU GET FROM US

THE OPTION TO BE PART OF THE CURIOUS CABINET FAMILY? WE WILL OFFER THE CHANCE FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT TO GET TOGETHER BI-MONTHLY AT SADIE SPIKES CURIOUS CABINET IN FISHPONDS AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER IN THE PROCESS OF A BUSINESS START UP. WITH HELP AND ADVICE TO EASE THE PROCESS AND SHARE IN THE TRIUMPHS AND FRUSTRATIONS OF THE JOURNEY. EAT CAKE, DRINK TEA AND CELEBRATE WHAT IT IS TO BE WORKING FOR YOURSELF AND GAIN SOME FRIENDS ALONG THE WAY.

YOU COULD ALSO BENEFIT FROM THE REPUTATION THAT SADIE HAS ALREADY BUILT UP FROM 10 YEARS IN BUSINESS.

YOUR WORK WILL BE PARTNERED AND MENTIONED ON HER WEBSITE AND FEATURED IN SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS ON FACEBOOK AND ON THE CONTINUING INSTAGRAM SHOWVAN JOURNEY. WE WILL ALSO BE LOOKING TO CREATE MORE MEDIA COVERAGE BOTH LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY WITH PROFILE PIECES OF THE LUCKY FEW.

IF YOU FANCY DOING SOMETHING REALLY EXCITING AND TAKING A LEAP INTO THE UNKNOWN BUT WITH A LITTLE BIT OF SUPPORT ON THE WAY, THEN THE CURIOUS CABINET IS WAITING FOR YOU.