

The Base – Artists’ Studios Brief and Application Process

Launching in spring 2019, The Base is to be the home for visual arts and crafts in West Berkshire with high quality touring exhibitions being presented throughout the year, a bustling workshop room for courses and classes as well as resident artists making on site. This is an exciting opportunity to be part of the inaugural season at The Base.

The artists in residence will be the lifeblood of the building. Working in accessible studios, so that visitors can interact with artists, we are excited that The Base will become an artistic hub of cultural excellence. We aren't just opening a building, we are creating a community of artists, participants and visitors who are all have equal importance and status.

We are looking for artists and craft makers who are at varying points in their career. You may currently be working from home and need more space or you may be more established with your own studio but want to relocate to be part of a new community of artists and participants. Whatever your personal situation may be, it is the ethos that binds us together. We are seeking artists and craft makers who:

- Create exceptional, high quality work
- Are open spirited, generous, and ambitious
- Is committed to community engagement
- Will have a strong and regular presence at The Base

Located on the first floor, there will be 9 studios available, at a subsidised rate, supporting artists at various stages of their career and, importantly, from varying disciplines.

The building is expected to be open in February 2019 and the studios will be available to hire from March 2019. Your first rent instalment will be due on 1 April and each subsequent month – i.e. you will receive your first month free and pay up front for the subsequent month with a standing order. A deposit of one month's rent will be due before you occupy your studio, if your application is successful.

The cost is £11.35 per square meter and includes a contribution towards the utility costs, business rates and running costs. The cost will increase slightly year-on-year but the studios will remain at a subsidised rate. There is a small concession for studios without a window and a small surcharge for those with a sink. Please note that although some studios do not have a window, there will be some in the roof, which will flood the studios and first floor with light. The studios will have heating and cooling capabilities to give a good working environment all year round.

We are happy for you to sell your work from your studio and we won't take any commission but you would be solely responsible for taking payments.

| Studio Number | Size | Monthly Cost | Sink? | Window? |
|---------------|-----------|--------------|-------|---------|
| 1 | 14.7 sq m | £152 | No | No |
| 2 | 14.7 sq m | £152 | No | No |
| 3 | 13.3 sq m | £171 | Yes | Yes |
| 4 | 13.3 sq m | £171 | Yes | Yes |
| 5 | 13.3 sq m | £171 | Yes | Yes |
| 6 | 13.3 sq m | £171 | Yes | Yes |
| 7 | 16 sq m | £182 | No | Yes |
| 8 | 18.4 sq m | £209 | No | Yes |
| 9 | 16.1 sq m | £183 | No | Yes |

If the studio you are interested in doesn't have a sink do not worry – there is a sink area nearby and a kitchenette available for all artists to use.

Interested in Applying?

Please complete the application form and equal opportunity form on the following pages and supply up to 5 images of your work that you are particularly proud of. It should best represent the work you would look to create at The Base. Once completed please return to director@cornexchangenew.co.uk along with a copy of your CV.

Resident Artist Application Form

Name:

Address:

Email address:

Telephone Number:

How do you define your practice and what do you make?

What has been your proudest moment of your artistic career so far?

What particularly inspires or excites you about being part of The Base?

Please detail your experience of community engagement activity:

What five words best describes your ethos?

What five words best describes your personal core values?

Please detail the days/times you are likely to be using your studio on a regular basis:

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday:

Sunday:

Which studio space are you most interested in?

Studio:

If your application is successful tell us about things we need to know such as noise, dust, smells etc.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES MONITORING FORM 2018-19

We are committed to attracting and supporting talented artists and to encouraging equality and diversity in the arts. The information you provide will help our Personnel department to review and monitor the recruitment process and to ensure our equality policy is being reflected in that process. This includes not discriminating under the Equality Act 2010.

The information you provide will remain confidential and be stored securely with limited access to only some staff in the organisation's Personnel team.

Gender Male • Female • Non-binary • Prefer not to say •

If you prefer to use your own term, please specify here:

Is your gender different to the sex you were assumed to be at birth?

Yes • No • Prefer not to say •

Are you married or in a civil partnership? Yes • No • Prefer not to say •

Age 0-19 • 20-34 • 35-49 • 50-64 • 65+ • Prefer not to say •

What is your ethnicity?

Ethnic origin is not about nationality, place of birth or citizenship. It is about the group to which you perceive you belong. Please tick the appropriate box:

White

British • Irish • Gypsy or Irish Traveller • Prefer not to say •

Any other white background, please write in:

Mixed

White and Black Caribbean • White and Black African • White and Black Asian •

Prefer not to say • Any other mixed background, please write in:

Asian/Asian British

Indian • Pakistani • Bangladeshi • Chinese • Prefer not to say •

Any other Asian background, please write in:

Black/ Black British

African • Caribbean • Prefer not to say •

Any other Black background, please write in:

Other ethnic group

Arab • Prefer not to say • Any other ethnic group, please write in:

Do you consider yourself to have a disability or impairment?

Yes • No • Prefer not to say •

Please write in here if you feel there is information that you feel we should be aware of:

The information in this form is for monitoring purposes only. If you believe you need a 'reasonable adjustment', to be resident at The Base please do let us know.

What is your sexual orientation? Heterosexual • Gay woman/lesbian • Gay man • Bisexual •
Prefer not to say •

If you prefer to use your own term, please specify here

What is your religion or belief?

No religion or belief • Buddhist • Christian • Hindu • Jewish •
Muslim • Sikh • Prefer not to say •

If other religion or belief, please write here: