**OPEN CALL – JAMBOREE**

**ABOUT JAMBOREE:**
Jamboree will be a 3 day residential workshop in Plymouth (Nov 2015), targeted at emerging to mid-career artists with a minimum of 2 years professional practice. 18 artists/participants will be selected from 6 artist associate schemes (3 artists per scheme), located across the country:

*PAC Home - Plymouth
Spike Associates - Bristol
Wales Artist Resource Programme - Cardiff
Extra Special People - Birmingham
CG Associates - Manchester
Glasgow Sculpture Studios*

Jamboree aims to foster a peer network of artists who are invested in each other’s practices, providing useful and supportive connections; provide a focused professional development opportunity and maximise energy and resources, by gathering a group of artists together from across the country to share knowledge, practice and networks.

Artists LOW PROFILE have developed Jamboree in partnership with PAC Home, Plymouth Arts Centre’s associate programme. We hope to expand regional/national networks for artists and visibility of artists based ‘in the regions’; create a social environment for sharing/to support the potential of long lasting connections and to provide useful professional contacts and connections.

Martin Clark will join the workshop as our invited guest curator, to offer a critical ear and to run a session as part of the weekend. Martin is Director of Bergen Kunsthall and has recently been appointed as Artistic Director of Art Sheffield. LOW PROFILE will deliver/host the workshop alongside Martin.

Full details of the schedule of the weekend will be provided to selected artists in advance so they can prepare.

**DATES:**
Thurs 12th Nov (evening arrival, by 7pm) to Sunday 15th Nov (finishing by 3.30pm)

**LOCATION/ACCOMMODATION/COST:**
Jamboree will be hosted at Plymouth Arts Centre where participants will also stay for the duration of the workshop. Participants will ‘camp’ in the arts centre, sleeping in a communal space, on airbeds and in sleeping bags. Facilities will be relatively basic (there will be one shower) but every effort will be made to make the space as cosy as possible. Participants will need to bring their own pillow, sleeping bag and airbed/camping beds/airbeds and be prepared to bunk down in this environment.

Participants are asked to contribute £15 towards the cost for all meals and snacks to be provided throughout the weekend. Travel costs will be covered, and travel arrangements will be made in negotiation with your local scheme/associate coordinator; car shares will be encouraged to save costs.

**PARTICIPANTS/CRITERIA:**
Participants must have been working professionally as artists for at least 2 years post graduation and be able to demonstrate an active practice. Applications will be assessed on how clearly artists articulate their concerns, practice and professional development needs, a sense of professionalism and ambition.

**HOW TO APPLY:**
·    A brief description of your current practice (300 words max)
·    CV and link to website: (x1 side of A4 max)
·    What you feel you would gain from the workshop and why are you interested in applying (250 words max)
·    What you feel you could contribute and bring to the workshop (250 words max)

Please send your application to: pachome@plymouthartscentre.org
With the subject heading ‘Jamboree application’ and the name of your city e.g
‘Jamboree application - MANCHESTER’.

**DEADLINE:** **Monday 5th October, 5pm**

**SELECTION PROCESS:**
Applications will be assessed by associate coordinators from each scheme. Each coordinator will be given applications from a scheme different to the one they run, to promote fairness and to expand networks.

Artists will be notified by **Tuesday 13th October.**

Jamboree is produced and facilitated by LOW PROFILE with the generous support of a-n and Plymouth Culture in addition to the six main partners: PAC Home and Plymouth Arts Centre, Spike Associates and Spike Island, WARP and g39, Extra Special People and Eastside Projects, CG Associates and Castlefield Gallery, Glasgow Sculpture Studios.