

G.O. North/West

A micro residency for one ESP Member, one Spike Associate and one CG Associate in the artist's studio at The New Art Gallery Walsall from 11 Aug – 8 September 2015.

For a third time Extra Special People (ESP) and The New Art Gallery Walsall (TNAGW) have teamed up to offer Group Occupation, a series of short residencies based in the Artists' Studio at TNAGW.

From 11 August to 8 September a group made up of one ESP Member, one Spike Associate and one CG Associate will take up residence at TNAGW. We are delighted to invite applications for the residency from artists, curators and art-writers belonging to each membership.

G.O. North/West aims to:

- Provide artists, curators and art-writers with time and space to develop new work within a mutually supportive group context.
- Encourage useful dialogue and allow possibilities for working together to develop.
- Offer an opportunity for practitioners to work in a new context, away from their normal critical and physical environment.
- Allow practitioners to experience working within a larger institution where they may wish to develop work in response to the building, context, exhibition programme and/or collection at TNAGW.
- Develop stronger links between practitioners in the West Midlands, South West and North West.

Details:

- Selected practitioners will receive a fee of £560. You will be expected to commit to at least three days per week in the studio at TNAGW. This is especially important because of the project's group structure.
- Participants from CG Associates and Spike Associates will be provided with accommodation in Birmingham, lodging with members of the artistic community for the duration of their stay.
- Each participant will have a 1-2-1 meeting with Zoë Lippett, the Exhibitions & Artists' Projects Curator at TNAGW and, where appropriate, the Gallery's Head of Technical Services. Participants with a collection-based proposal will be offered guidance toward relevant resources and artworks within the collection and archive. In addition you will receive critical input from Spike Island, Eastside Projects and Castlefield Gallery.
- The Artists' Studio is located on the first floor of TNAGW and is fully equipped with internet access, sink, printer, toolkit, fridge, kettle, radio/CD player/i-pod dock, crockery and lockable storage cupboards. Residents also have access to office and workshop facilities and reference materials housed within the gallery's art library. A new digital SLR will be available for participants to use.
- An end of residency event will be organised in discussion with Eastside Projects, TNAGW and the G.O. North/West participants.

Eligibility:

Artists, curators and art-writers who are members of ESP, Spike Associates or CG Associates are eligible to apply. We are interested both in your own practice and in potential responses to the context of the TNAGW and its collection and archive. This opportunity is open to ESP members who have participated in previous Group Occupations but to qualify for consideration this proposal would need to differ substantially from your last.

G.O. North/West Application Process:

Deadline for applications: Monday 2 March 2015

Interviews: Tuesday 31 March 2015

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How to Apply:

Please email your application as a single PDF file.

We will only accept applications below 5mb in size. Your application should include:

1. Your name, contact details and website address
2. A 500 word proposal explaining why you want to undertake the G.O. North/West residency and what you hope to gain by working with other practitioners in this context.
3. An artist statement (200 words max)
4. An up to date CV
5. Evidence of your current and recent practice in the form of one of the following:
 - A selection of up to ten images
 - A direct link to a showreel of film and video work (maximum duration 5 minutes) uploaded to YouTube or Vimeo.
 - Audio work (maximum duration 5 minutes) sent via e-mail or uploaded to Soundcloud.

Email your application to submissions@eastsideprojects.org with 'G.O. North/West Application' in the email subject line.

For more information about:

The New Art Gallery Walsall visit <http://www.thenewartgallerywalsall.org.uk>

ESP and Eastside Projects visit <http://www.extraspecialpeople.org>

Spike Island and Spike Associates visit <http://www.spikeisland.org.uk/spike-associates>

Castlefield Gallery and CG Associates visit <http://www.castlefieldgallery.co.uk/associates/>