

## Open-call: The Stay at Home Residency series May – July 2020



### **Overview:**

The New Art Gallery Walsall is adapting its studio programme in the wake of the Coronavirus pandemic to offer a series of stay at home residency opportunities for artists based in the West Midlands. Between May and July 2020, three artists will receive support to develop work from the safety of their home.

Artists may wish to propose a project that, for example:

- falls outside their usual art practice
- develops a new body of work
- supports practice development (e.g. learning a new skill while in isolation)
- is unrelated to the Covid-19 situation but may lead to an outcome that benefits the wellbeing of others during the pandemic
- is community-focused/engages a group who may be under particular strain at this time

Participating artists must remain at home when undertaking residency work but online sharing is actively encouraged. To prevent harm to workers, we ask that artists avoid purchasing materials for home delivery and instead adapt their practices to utilise whatever is at their disposal.

### **Eligibility:**

To apply for this residency, you must be:

- an artist based in the West Midlands region
- not in full-time education
- actively engaged in developing your practice with a demonstrable existing body of work
- willing to generate work that can be shared online/physically viewable from your home 'studio'
- able to commit time to the project each week for a 4-week period

### **Support:**

Each artist will receive:

- £1000 fee
- an online presence via NAGW platforms
- ongoing mentoring support / virtual studio visits from Zoë Lippett, Exhibitions and Artists' Projects Curator / Project Lead
- x 1 virtual 1-1 with Deborah Robinson, Head of Exhibitions
- access to remote technical advice, if appropriate

### **Residencies:**

Residency 1: 1 – 29 May 2020

Residency 2: 1 – 29 June 2020

Residency 3: 1 – 29 July 2020

**Key dates:**

Call-out opens for applications: 10 April 2020

Closing date for submissions: 24 April 2020, 10am

Short-listing and selection of artists: w/c 27 April 2020

Selected artists will be notified by email. Residencies will be announced via our digital platforms on 30 April 2020.

**How to apply:**

Applications are by email only. To apply, please send your proposal to [nagwsubmissions@gmail.com](mailto:nagwsubmissions@gmail.com) including all of the following:

**An email detailing:**

- Your name, contact details, social media handles & website details (if you have one)
- Your preferred residency slot, (1,2,3, or 'no preference')

**Saved together as one PDF:**

- An artist statement (no more than 200 words)
- A short statement (no more than 500 words) that describes:
  1. How you will respond to the residency opportunity (your proposed project, the possible direction/outcome of your project)
  2. How you will adapt your practice to a home residency/the specific context of the current situation
  3. Why a home residency will benefit your practice at this particular time
- An up-to-date CV

**Visuals:**

- Evidence of your current practice and recent work produced within the last 3 years in the form of one of the following:
  - a maximum of 6 images
  - a direct link to a showreel of film and video work (maximum duration 5 minutes) uploaded to YouTube or Vimeo