



Residency Opportunities

W-I-P in the Window

Ryde Arts have two opportunities for creative practitioners, based in the former department store, *Packs* in Cross Street, Ryde.

We invite practitioners working in any discipline or combination of disciplines to develop their work in a temporary studio based in our window residency space. Selected artists will be expected to use the space as a working studio and to continue either with current work in development or to experiment with new ideas. The window is, by its nature, public facing and the residencies are designed to expose the process of creative development to the general public. Artists should therefore, be willing to maximise the potential of the space by using the height, walls and floors to store materials, to create work and to show the public their work as it evolves. There are no requirements for a final outcome.

Aside from the visibility to the street, the north-facing studio is not accessible to the public and will be a private and secure space from inside the building. There is a requirement that the selected applicants should be available to directly engage with the general public in an 'open studio' scenario for approximately two hours once a week where they should be available to answer questions about their work. The studio has a flexible back wall that when opened, will enable dialogue to take place from within the building without compromising your work inside the studio. Electricity is available within the space. Studio dimensions: h285cm x w350cm x d204. Please note that general facilities are basic due to ongoing refurbishment work.

Applicants should be able to commit to a minimum of three full days in the space per week, arranged by prior agreement with Ryde Arts CIC. Start dates for residencies are listed below. Please indicate your preference on your application.

Selected artists will be given free use of the space for a four week period and paid a £500 bursary to assist with associated costs. Resident artists will be actively promoted through Ryde Arts social media, our newsletter and website.

Applications are welcome from creative professionals at any stage of their careers. If you have any further questions about the opportunities, please email artsryde@gmail.com.

Studio availability:

Monday 5th - Friday 31st July 2021

Monday 6th September - Friday 1st October 2021

How to apply:

- Clearly indicate your first and second choice of residency dates.
- In no more than 500 words, please outline why you are interested in this opportunity and how you intend to make use of the space during the residency. **Please attach as a PDF.**
- Attach **no more than three** files relating to the proposed work you wish to develop.
- Include a current CV outlining your creative career to date. **Please attach as a PDF.**

Please email applications to Abi Wheeler, Creative Director, Ryde Arts CIC artsryde@gmail.com.

Deadline for applications is midday, Monday 11th June 2021. We will contact successful applicants by Wednesday 16th June.