

## **Young Artists Residency October 2026**

The Art Station are inviting applications from artists 21 to 32 years old for a supported shared group studio residency for 1 month in October 2026. We will be selecting 4 young visual artists.

Timescale: 5<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November 2026

Call out: Opens Friday July 24<sup>th</sup>

Deadline for applications: Midnight Friday August 21<sup>st</sup> 2026

Interviews: Thurs August 27<sup>th</sup> Friday August 28<sup>th</sup> 2026

Four young visual artists working in large project space at 48 High St

Fee per artist: £1200

Sharing event – work in progress- over long weekend – 31<sup>st</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November

Support offered from Art Station and external mentors on funding applications, job applications and cvs, interview techniques, marketing and self promotion.

Regular mentoring by established artists – minimum 4 mentor sessions for each artist

Visits by 2 artists/curators

Access to Skillshare during duration of residency – wide range of training videos – from self-development to project management to all creative software training.

### **Criteria:**

Commitment to professional development and practice

Minimum 2 years out of further education and under 32 years

Available to be in the studio at least 3 days per week

Interested in social impact and supporting a creative network

Enjoys group activity as well as solitary thinking/working

### **THE THEME - ENVIRONMENT**

The theme of environment is deliberately broad, we are interested in seeing how artists perceive this within their work and creative process. When thinking about your work, it maybe interpreted by an artist making work that responds to themes around the environment, using sustainable practices or link to how your environment inspires / influences your work as an artist.

**Application process:**

500 word artist statement

Artist cv

Link to website, social media

Referee details

**Accessible studio residency**

One studio on the ground floor of the Old Bank will be made available for 1 artist who experience mobility challenges as the other spaces are on the first floor without access via a lift.

Same timescale

**The Art Station** is a dynamic and ambitious arts organisation and charity, supporting and developing the creative industries in Saxmundham, Suffolk. Based in a repurposed 1950s telephone exchange on the high street of this historic market town, we run a vibrant Art and Learning Programme for the local community and East Coastal Suffolk. Our venue includes attractive workspaces, a co-working area, and a high-speed tech space, forming a creative hub that brings cultural and economic vitality to the area. In addition to our main site, we have expanded into the Old Bank venue, which features a dedicated gallery & workshop space and Old Bank Garden—a large, green space in the heart of town. This biodiverse garden is planted with native species and is designed to offer various insect habitats and a safe, welcoming space for creative outdoor activities, community gatherings, and nature engagement. Our Art and Learning Programme includes exhibitions, events, talks, and screenings, and forms the foundation for our workshops and sessions with children and young people— helping them access and engage with contemporary arts. We also promote creative and tech-based learning in a rural context. Through the development of a peer support network, we aim to strengthen creative practice and enable sustainable careers. We offer access to contemporary practices, mentoring, freelance opportunities, careers guidance, peer critique sessions, and support with applications—helping build a thriving, inclusive creative community in Saxmundham.

**WHAT'S ON OFFER?**

- The opportunity to explore and develop your artistic practice in a creative, collaborative

environment.

- Access to The Art Station facilities – including shared studio space exclusively for use

by the 4x residency artists, with high ceilings, large windows and floor space.

(Please note, the main studio space is not wheelchair accessible, however a studio in the Old Bank can be provided which is accessible.)

- Group mentoring with artists and creative industry practitioners.
- Support with marketing and applying for future funding.
- Networking opportunities to tap into a collaborative network of artists in Suffolk at different stages of their career.
- A halfway and end point studio sharing – opening the doors to the studio and inviting guests to help offer guidance, feedback, and support.
- This is a paid residency, artists will receive £1200. This fee covers your studio time, materials, travel, resources.
- The expectation will be that artists spend a minimum 3 days a week in the studio and liaise with programme to meet mentors and be available for any group sessions.