

Contains Art

Studio Tenancy Applications

Contains Art aims to support the development of creative practitioners by providing low-cost studio space and access to project space that can respond to the diverse needs of contemporary practice. It aims to form a creative hub that can foster and support artists working in West Somerset. It aims to be welcoming to visitors and to develop local audiences for creative outputs.

Tenancy details

Tenancies will be offered up to Spring 2019 with a break clause after 6 months subject to one month's notice on either side (after which we anticipate a period of closure for a new capital build, but with opportunities for studios in the new building in 2020). The rent of £110 per calendar month will be reviewed annually and includes:

- Buildings insurance and maintenance
- Electricity (for heating, lighting – if high usage equipment is proposed a contribution may be negotiated)
- Wireless broadband
- Limited car parking (2 studio artists' cars are permitted on the East Quay at any one time so available by negotiation and cooperation with other studio tenants)
- Access to toilets and water supply in Watchet Harbour Marina building
- Direct sales opportunities through Contains Art events.

Excluded:

- Business rates – tenants are responsible for individual business rates (in practice the space qualifies for exemption under current rules, but annual application is required).
- Contents and Public Liability Insurance – Contains Art carries liabilities insurances, but it is a condition of our policy, and of the head lease from West Somerset DC that all tenants must have public liability insurance to £5million. Contains Art accepts no responsibility for studio contents and art work.

Contains Art wishes to celebrate diversity of practice and welcomes applications from artists working in a range of media. However please note that practical issues place some limitations on forms of practice that can be safely accommodated.

- There is no plumbed water supply to the studios.
- Electricity is limited to a domestic supply level, kilns and other machinery requiring a three-phase supply cannot be accommodated.

If you are not familiar with Contains Art please ask for an appointment to visit the studios if you wish and/or contact us to discuss suitability of your practice to the premises and location.

Criteria

Contains Art studio tenants should:

- Be committed to an ongoing creative practice
- Have a clear vision for the development of their work
- Be willing to make an active contribution to Contains Art
- Be willing to engage with the creative and wider community in West Somerset
- Be willing to be flexible and cooperative during a period of change and development.

There is no upper or lower age limit, however, generally it is expected that applicants will be either qualified to degree level or equivalent in a creative discipline **or** able to evidence engagement with creative practice for at least 3 years. Studios cannot be taken by students still in full-time education at undergraduate level or below.

Application Process:

Applicants should submit:

- A current CV, including full contact details, relevant education and occupation history.
- A statement split into the following headings (100 words or less each):

A short introduction to your practice.

Your vision for creative/ business development over time.

How a studio at Contains Art will help you develop your practice further.

How often you expect to use the studio.

How you would contribute to the creative life of Contains Art.

Details of upcoming projects.

How you intend to promote, show and/or sell your work on a day-to-day basis.

How you intend to finance your practice, including your place at Contains Art.

Processes involved in your work including equipment and materials used, noise levels, waste generated.

Any specific requirements (e.g. light levels, dimensions, access).

- Visual information: attach up to 6 individual images (jpeg format, 2MB maximum per image) or provide links to online platforms showing recent work representative of your practice. Please provide details of the work, such as titles, dimensions and materials

Send the above to jon@containsart.co.uk by 31 October 2017.

Selection Panel

Applications will be considered by the Directors of Contains Art CIC and you may be asked to an informal interview.