

OPEN CALL



THE COLLECTIVE STUDIO

CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

for early-career practitioners

EVENTS, STUDIOS, MENTORING, WORKSHOPS, OPPORTUNITIES

Sep 2019 - May 2020

Deadline Monday 8 July, 10am



The Collective Studio

is a 9 month development programme for early-career and/or recent graduate artists and creative practitioners.

The Collective Studio provides practitioners with affordable studios and workspace, access to peer-led training and development events, mentoring and a series of professional creative opportunities to develop and challenge practice outside of an institutional framework and generate resilient and imaginative approaches to creative practice.

The Collective Studio provides space to test out ideas and experiment within a supportive and critically engaged community.

The Collective Studio purposefully takes a flexible approach to its curriculum, providing a range of different opportunities to suit a diverse range of practices. Its regular programme is shaped by and for its members, supported by the NewBridge Project's Artist Development Coordinator and other staff.

The Collective Studio is open to all creative disciplines – we have a very broad definition of what constitutes a creative practice!

The Collective Studio evolves year on year, shaped by its cohort of members. The structure for 2019-20 has evolved from previous graduate and artist development programmes and continues our commitment to artist-led programming.

The Collective Studio is run by The NewBridge Project, in partnership with Newcastle University & Newcastle Institute for Creative Arts Practice.

Sept 2019



Intensive 2-day workshops:
September 10 and 11,
December 12 and 13,
March 12 and 13

Crits, events & workshops

Socials



Access to production & project spaces

Works-in-progress exhibitions



Field trips

Mentoring

Studio & workspace



Benefits & Opportunities

R&D Bursaries,
Artist/Production commissions

Writing commission

Platform residency

Exhibition opportunities



May 2020

Membership model

Individual Studio
(Small)
£65p/m

Shared Studio
(Up to 3)
£45p/m

Co-work/
Hot-desk
£20p/m

Associate Membership (Non North-East based practitioners only)
£60p/y

How does it work?

The Collective Studio operates through a membership model providing different types of space membership including: individual studios (£65 per month), shared studios for up to 3 (£45 per month), co-working & hot desking (£20 per month) and associate membership for non-regional practitioners (£60 per year to suit the different requirements of creative practice).

Through this membership you also have access to a broader range of events and development opportunities through NewBridge's wider artistic programme and Practice Makes Practice (our wider member-led development programme).

Along with studio and workspace, Collective Studio members will gain access to a regular and flexible curriculum of support, including events, socials and

mentoring. The structure will be shaped around three 2-day workshops in September, December and March, monthly events with invited guest practitioners and regular socials and peer-led activity.

A series of professional creative opportunities throughout the 9 month programme will be available for all Collective Studio members to apply for - each opportunity will be developed alongside members and will be responsive to the group's needs and interests.

The Collective Studio will be based at The NewBridge Project: Gateshead.



Who is it for?

The NewBridge Project is looking for creative graduates and early-career practitioners to be part of The Collective Studio cohort from the beginning of September 2019 to the end of May 2020.

The Collective Studio is open to all creative disciplines including (but not limited to):

visual artists, curators, filmmakers, photographers, performers, writers, architects, sound artists, designers, creative producers/organisers, musicians, activists, ceramicists, sculptors, conceptual artists, socially engaged practitioners, poets, directors, actors, researchers

*get in touch if you aren't sure.

- ☛ Those who have graduated from any university/art school/college in the last 3 years from an arts-based or related, creative course (BA and Master level welcome).
- ☛ Those who have completed an alternative or non-formal education programme in the last 3 years.
- ☛ Those who have not have not undertaken a formal education course, but can demonstrate a developing creative practice.
- ☛ *Not eligible to those who previously completed a graduate programme at The NewBridge Project.

To apply please send one PDF document containing the following to applications@thenewbridgeproject.com with 'The Collective Studio Application' in the subject line:

1. Statement (max. half page of A4) explaining why you would like to be part of The Collective Studio at The NewBridge Project, including how it will benefit your practice/professional development and how you would contribute and use the opportunity (*this is the most important part of the application. Think about where you are at now, what you'd get out of being part of the Collective Studio, and what you'd bring to the group.)

2. Bio/Artist Statement (max. half page of A4), including information about your creative practice and why you do what you do.

3. Brief CV (max. 1 page A4) focussing on your practice and any relevant experience (incl. up to date address, contact phone number & email address (non-university)).

4. Please state which subject course you have completed, the year of graduation and what institution you attended or provide equivalent information. We welcome applications from people who haven't undertaken a formal degree course, so this isn't mandatory.

5. Weblinks or images of recent work (up to 6 items). This is to give us an indication of your work, it's subject matter and medium - which will help us to plan Septembers programme.

6. Please include what type of space membership you would like to apply for (ie. individual, shared)

7. Equality & Diversity monitoring form (available from the NewBridge website).

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If you'd like to visit NewBridge, look around, chat to staff members & find out more about the Collective Studio, please drop in to one of our **open days**:

Thursday 13 June

Thursday 27 June, 2-7pm

The NewBridge Project:
Gateshead, 232-240 High Street, Gateshead
NE8 1AQ

*No booking required.

Please contact Dan Russell, Artist Development Coordinator on d.russell@thenewbridgeproject.com if you have any questions about The Collective Studio, the application process or would like to chat more about the opportunity to see if it is right for you.

For more info, go visit www.thenewbridgeproject.com