

# Somerset Art Works

## Creative Pathways Bursaries 2018

### Professional Development for artists in Somerset

**Creative Pathways** is a professional development programme that aims to provide tailor-made support for artist members in Somerset to develop their practice and to deliver high-quality work. The programme offers different levels of support throughout the year.

This year, we offer bursaries to 3 Somerset based artists in the early stage of their career to demonstrate their developing practices and engage their audiences during Somerset Open Studios Event (15-30 September 2018) in his/her chosen location/venue.

### About Somerset Open Studios

Somerset Open Studios draws Art Weeks event back to its roots, focusing on artists in their working environment. It demonstrates how artists make their work; their process, practice and inspiration. The event aims to support artists who want to work professionally and are looking to promote their creative businesses across a range of disciplines; Books, Ceramics, Drawing, Film, Furniture, Glass, Jewellery, Metalwork, Mixed Media, Painting, Prints, Photography, Pottery, Printmaking, Sculpture, Textiles and Wood.

Now the largest event in Somerset for visual artists and makers, Open Studios provides a rare opportunity for the public to see artists making behind the scene and find out first hand about the creative process.

More about Somerset Open Studios: <http://somersetartworks.org.uk/openstudios2018>

### The selected artists will receive the followings:

- Free entry to the Somerset Art Weeks Festival (we will refund your registration fee, if you have already registered for the event and since decided to take part in the Creative Pathways programme.)
- Free 1 year SAW Emerging Artist Membership (For existing members, free membership for 2018 - 2019)
- Mentoring, advice and support on artistic development and marketing
- £250 to cover expenses, i.e. materials and transport

### The selected artists will be committed to the following:

- Attend 1 introductory session and 2 development sessions at SAW. You will be responsible for your own transportation
- Demonstrate the process and quality of your work, and to engage with the audiences during Somerset Open Studios Event
- Responsible for the organisation, production, installation, interpretation and de-installation of the work during Somerset Open Studios event.
- Provide information and images for Somerset Open Studios publicity
- Documenting the process on our Creative Pathways blog

- Evaluate the process and submit a written final report

### **Eligibility**

- Artist of any age who has either left college, graduated from BA in Fine Art (including those graduated by September 2018) or equivalent, and/or set up their first professional studio or workshop in the last 3 years.
- Artist works on contemporary visual arts practice, including craft, installation, sculpture, sound, performance, new media, digital, multidisciplinary, moving image and participatory.

### **Submit your application**

Application Deadline: Monday 19 March (5pm)

Please send your application to Zoe Li, Programme Associate

[zoe.li@somersetartworks.org.uk](mailto:zoe.li@somersetartworks.org.uk)

Application includes:

- Your professional CV, including your contact details and 2 references' names and contact details.
- A covering letter (no more than 1 page) outlining your relevant skills, expertise and experience; what you hope to achieve by receiving the bursary and how this may support you to develop your artistic practice in the future; outline of your practice, your chosen venue and how would you engage the audiences/visitors during the event.
- Web links or 5 images of your recent work in one single document in word doc or pdf format no more than 5MB in file size.

### **Selection Criteria**

Selection will be based upon the following:

- Quality of your work and application
- The impact of the bursary in contributing to the development of artistic practice and audiences for your work

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