

ARTIST STUDIO SPACES

Waterford City Art Spaces (W.C.A.S.) provides affordable space in buildings that fosters a collaborative environment for artists working in different disciplines.

Artist Requirements

- Artists are expected to prove their ambition through their work and exhibitive processes
- Artists are required to be part of a collaborative process that also feeds into the artistic lifeline of the City.
- Artists are required to be in their studios for at least 3 days a week.
- Artists must agree to tenancy conditions including an agreed building management programme that covers 'good tenancy' and observes Health, Safety and Fire Safety conditions.

Selection Process Overview

Applicants will be put into a panel that will be adjudicated by up to three people: the City Arts Officer, A member of the relevant space housing the studio and Another. Tenants will be chosen based on their level of commitment to the criteria listed below. The selection will strive to create a community of artists representing a variety of perspectives and practices.

Artists in their application should demonstrate the following:

- Commitment to their professional practice.
- Engagement with current contemporary practice.
- Ambition to progress and develop their practice within a critical framework.
- Willingness to participate in public events, including an annual open studio event, and occasional studio visits.
- Willingness to promote the studio's activities and to acknowledge their part in the studio where appropriate.
- Commitment to contributing to the professional development of artists in Waterford by taking part in discussion, mentoring and critical debate as well as general Arts activities such as launches, openings etc.
- Willingness to engage with Waterford City Council's and SOMA's education and artistic programmes.
- Willingness to be part of an artist's community & contribute to the day-to-day running of the studios.
- Commitment to spending the majority of working time actively using the studio space (minimum average of 3 days a week).

- Demonstrating how their practice will benefit from the provision of Waterford City Art Space's affordable studio spaces.
- Ability to meet required commitments, including rota jobs (Making common areas presentable, ensuring corridors are kept in a safe and clean condition etc).
- Ability to pay collective charges fully and on time (Bin charges, Electricity etc)

Application process:

Artists wishing to apply for studio space at Waterford City Art Spaces should submit the following information:

1. Completed application form
2. Details of the type of space preferred (*Please note we are limited by the kind of buildings offered to us by the private sector and we may offer shared spaces*).
3. Provide a short statement (no longer than 300 words) detailing how you feel you can fulfill the above criteria. Please refer to previous/future experience such as working in other studio groups, educational environments, mentoring, workshops, residencies, curating, or working on artist led projects or with other arts organisations; self initiated exhibitions and events, or other collaborative ventures you feel relate to W.C.A.S.'s aims. Include details of ways in which you would be interested in getting involved.
4. An up to date CV.
5. Up to 7 digital images that represent your current practice (jpeg format)/ DVD show reel - of not longer than 5 minutes /copies of publications or reviews. You can also provide a link to your web site.
6. Reference from 2 people you have worked with professionally (within the context of your current arts practice).

The application information is very important because it is the main opportunity we will have to get a sense of your artistic practice and to determine how a studio at W.C.A.S. could benefit the development of your practice.

We will inform you about 2 – 4 weeks after application if you have been successful. You can apply again for studio space if you are unsuccessful the first time.

Once artists have been allocated studio space they will be required to pay a returnable deposit equal to 1 months licence fee. Licence fees are then paid one month in advance by standing order, electricity charges, insurance, bin charges etc are paid retrospectively within 7 days of notice.

The spaces we have available at the moment are in three buildings. 19 Lombard Street – 1 place. 18 Lombard Street – 2 shared spaces. The third

building is on Bank Lane beside the Council's community audio recording facility. This would suit either a collaborative group/collective or 4 individual artists.

Please note, we may also pass your request for space onto other existing artist resources if we are not in a position to help you.

We are also hoping to have news shortly on several other spaces around the city.

As well as gathering the information required above. Please ensure that you supply it with the form below.

If you have any further questions please email:

mnburke@waterfordcouncil.ie

Waterford City Arts Spaces - Studio Criteria & Application Form

(Please print or type)

For Office use only DateRec: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

WEB SITE URL: _____

ARTISTIC REFERENCES:
(Names/contacts only—do not submit recommendation letters)

Name & Title: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Name & Title:

Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

The applicant hereby gives W.C.A.S. the right to contact/verify artistic references.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____