

# EAST ST ARTS

## Activities overview

Our focus is to support artists so they have the tools, contexts and relationships to develop new work and activities that are discursive, inquiring and geared to participation and intervention.

We are a national agency for:

- Talent development.
- Projects and activities working with localities and communities
- Developing infrastructure for sustainability and meaningful legacy

We do this through:

- **Space:** Free or affordable managed space available nationally that support idea generation, animates our communities and high streets and links communities with creative enterprise.
- **Residencies:** International supported residencies that focus on the artists' relationship to and impact on place and locality.
- **Events:** Commissions, exhibitions, performances, publications, symposia, and workshops initiated by the organisation that lead through the importance of interaction at the point of access.
- **Professional Development:** One to one tailored mentoring, sharing contacts and data, nurturing relationships, cultural and leadership training underpinning the whole organisation.
- **Cultural Capital:** Initiating and collaborating on new and innovative large-scale developments that put culture at their heart within communities and cities.
- **Advocacy:** Working with decision and policy makers, campaigning and lobbying across all sectors of society to address imbalance and access to personal development through creativity.

East Street Arts' programme of activities are broad and extensive, and work across many sites. There is more information on our website, however current key projects include:

- Artists House 45: Two artists based in a house in Beeston, Leeds for 18 months working within the locality
- Collaborative PhD: Working with Huddersfield University - a three year full time PhD on Live/Work
- A series of commissions and residencies responding to Chapeltown, Leeds
- A City Less Grey is a city wide series of commissions for urban artists
- Patrick Studios Project Space hosts a mix of initiated and collaborative projects, including artists residencies and members' events
- Artists Residencies taking place across various cities in Europe, responding to need and opportunities
- The Art Hostel hosts a range of events and activities

## **Temporary Space Programme**

East Street Arts has always developed projects in a range of spaces appropriate to the context of the work. In 2010 we made a decision to make it a more strategic part of our development and put in place a process to harness empty and unused property across England for the use of creative activities.

This has resulted in a very active element to the organisation of managing over 100 leases at any one time and supporting over 25 partner organisations across the country.

All property that we access is leased to East Street Arts and for most we take on the utilities, and negotiate the rates with the appropriate Local Authority.

We have a Temporary Space team that ensures that the spaces are secure, have the right access and health and safety systems and supports the artists and other creatives that make use of the spaces.

The Finance administrator will spend part of its time contributing to the team specifically focused on the leases, utilities and rates.