

EAST ST ARTS

Programme / Activities

East Street Arts offers a wide range of services, projects, venues and support programmes that range from traditional art events, exhibitions, performances, to sector and infrastructure support, collaborative PhDs and unique venues such as Artists House 45, The Art Hostel and its flagship building Patrick Studios.

The business has grown through an instinctive and intelligent approach to recognising talent and emergent trends. With ongoing commitment and passion over the last 24 years, East Street Arts supports artistic freedom and innovation; working with artists who are pushing the boundaries and ideas of contemporary art practices; exploring and blurring the different relations between instigator and recipient.

Key activities include:

Space: Free or affordable managed space available nationally that support idea generation, animate our communities and high streets and link communities with creative enterprise.

Residencies: International supported residencies and projects that focus on the artists' relationship and impact to place and locality.

Events: Commissions, exhibitions, performances, Publications, symposia, and workshops initiated by the organisation.

Artists support: One to one tailored mentoring, sharing contacts and data, nurturing relationships, cultural and leadership training underpin 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.

The organisation is managing a lot of change as it continues to grow and strives to be independent and sustainable. Projects that form part of the next four year development period include:

Guild: Arts Council Sector Support Organisation funding for a partnership project across England that will support 20 artists spaces and 100s of individual artists to become sustainable and resilient.

Mary Studios: Negotiations are in progress to purchase the building next door to Patrick Studios to develop a new digital and makers hub for artists.

Toft/Neighbourhood Plan: Toft is a public programme that is exploring the Mabgate and Burmantofts neighbourhood through new public art, events and

infrastructure development. Underpinning the lead we are taking on a neighbourhood plan for the area.

The Art Hostel: The current incarnation on Kirkgate is two years old and was developed as a temporary venue. We are now exploring the possibility of purchasing a building to develop The Art Hostel further.

EUROVERSITY: A Creative Europe bid is pending and if successful will develop a three year programme with partners in Ghent and Rotterdam to support artists develop projects across borders.

Artists and organisations support: We offer over 300 spaces to artists as studios and workspace, support organisations such as Leeds Print Cooperative, Compass, Live Art Bistro and Basement Arts, and 100's of individual artists on an ongoing basis with long-term tailored mentoring, advice and relationship building.

Chapelton Commissions: Artists commissions and residencies based at our space in Chapelton, union 105, that develops activities in response to the area and its people.

Artist House 45: A back to back house in Beeston is a live/work venue for long-term artists residencies. A collaborative PhD with Huddersfield University is exploring the importance of Live work developments and we have a long-term commitment to securing houses for artists.

As well as key activities the organisation responds to opportunities and artists proposals.

The Marketing team is currently made up of two designers and has gone through a lot of change recently. An updated Marketing Strategy, Audience Plan, Marketing Plan and Business plan are just being finalised.