



**GUILD**

**GUILD CONVERSATIONS**

ARTISTS COMMISSION

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### GUILD Conversations Information Pack

**Hello,**

We are so pleased that you are interested in this post. If you don't already know us – East Street Arts is a creative social enterprise and charity. Our key focus is to support artists to develop their work and careers. Through creating space for making art, social events and learning opportunities we aim to make our neighbourhoods and cities better places to live and work.

Our work can be seen on buildings, as part of the high street and in neighbourhoods and you can find more information on our website:

<https://www.eaststreetarts.org.uk/>

#### **Introduction**

**What is GUILD:** GUILD is an Arts Council England Sector Support Organisation run by East Street Arts. The programme aims to support and interrogate the artist-led sector with a primary focus on studio provision in the UK. GUILD works with a cohort of 25 artist-led spaces across England offering training, mentorship, peer to peer support and seed funding. Alongside this work GUILD runs campaigns around artist pay and graduate support to instigate policy reform.

**What is GUILD Conversations:** GUILD Conversations are a free online workshop programme for the GUILD cohort and general audiences. Originally set up as a response to COVID-19 this programme explored themes of wellbeing, governance and access through a series of interactive sessions, webinars and discussion forums. GUILD Conversations will continue online Autumn 2021 with a new line up of speakers and themes.

**What are the themes:** GUILD will conduct research to investigate Space and Place in relation to artist-led practice and studio provision in the UK. We will invite pioneers working in this field to reflect on their own methods and share skills and ideas on best practices, innovative solutions, sustainability and legacy. We intend to collate knowledge and experience from organisations, studios, artists, policy makers, developers and networks to gain a greater understanding of place impacting on Space.

**What is your role:** As a commissioned artist you are responsible for creatively evaluating these conversations in order to produce a visual output to share with audiences and institutions.

## Dates

- Monday 6th September: Expression of Interest Deadline
- Wednesday 8th September: Successful Artist Notified & Contracted
- Friday 10th September: Initial meeting
- Thursday 16th & 23rd September: Attend Workshops
- Thursday 15th & 21st October: Attend Workshops
- Thursday 18th & 25th November: Attend Workshops
- December - mid January: Collate Data
- Mid January - February: Development & Creation
- March: Delivery

## Fee

£2,000 artist\* fee inclusive of travel  
£2,000 production & delivery of visual output  
\*individual or collective

## Considerations

- To document and summarise the collective discussion in all sessions.
- To be distributed and/or presented at various locations across England on the same day in March.
- To present an ideology, tool-kit or resource for 'best practice' studio provision in the UK.

## Details

Visual Output can include any of the following;

- Publication &/or Zine
- Video &/or Animation
- Performance - Participatory, experimental, digital
- Visual Artform - Paint, Print, Sculpture, Illustration, Photography
- Writing - poetry, creative writing, critical

Commitment to Access & Inclusion;

- East Street Arts hold a separate access budget to ensure this opportunity is available to all, please contact us prior to application if you require support to submit your proposal. Please also outline any access requirements within your proposal if you feel comfortable doing so.
- East Street Arts recognises dates & times can depend on the selected artists' access needs and will work with them to ensure the timeline is achievable and supportive.

## How to Apply:

- Submit a CV &/or outline of work, plus a brief proposal on how you would respond to this commission - to [kate@esamail.org.uk](mailto:kate@esamail.org.uk) by Monday 6th September
- Proposals will be considered on Tuesday 7th September by East Street Arts Staff
- The successful applicant will be notified by Wednesday 8th September