



Threads Micro Residency Project

Open Call- deadline 12pm 11th March 2018

Threads, a nomadic Artist-led Gallery, provides opportunities for showcasing and developing artists and their work. Our ethos is to offer paid opportunities, mentoring and professional development to equip artists with a wide range of tools not usually accessible.

Threads has successfully run over 30 critiques across Kent since 2015, allowing this project to cement the potential of peer to peer critiques. Threads have developed a programme of constructive development that bridges the gap between residency and crit.

Threads introduce a unique opportunity to take part in **residencies** and **salons** across East Kent during 2018 including:

Art31 Gallery/Dover Big Local Hub (Dover)

Dover Studio Collective (Dover)

UCA Brewery Tap Project Space (Folkestone)

Sidney Cooper Gallery (Canterbury)

Ideas Test (Sittingbourne)

Turner Contemporary (Margate)

This open call is **free to apply** allowing individuals at **any stage of their career** to access a valuable experience, impacting their artistic and professional development. Artists will be given the opportunity to respond to our partners unique locations, towns and communities to engage in Kent's flourishing cultural scene.

Threads will be offering a **4 day residency and 1 day residencies** to meet the need for short duration residencies. The residencies will hold **peer critiques** to aid artistic development. A closed critique, to focus the intention for the day. And an open critique to allow critical discourse between participants and the public. Additional public **salons**, paneled by experienced advisors will further professional development and future progression.

This opportunity offers grounded feedback and communication from directors and advisors from across the region. We want to encourage applications from artists who struggle to find time and space to dedicate to producing new work. Therefore we will be looking to select individuals who express intentions that explore experimentation.

All selected artists will be invited to attend a **Celebration Event** in August at The Sidney Cooper Gallery, following our 4 day residency. Open to the public, this event will bring together influential partners and regional representatives to lead conversational style discussions surrounding the role of contemporary art interaction in East Kent. Providing an exciting opportunity to engage with fellow selected artists and peer networking. We will close this celebration event with performance from sound artists from the region.

Selection Process

Threads will select artists based on ideas, originality and enthusiasm with the help of our board of advisors: Terry Smith (Artist), Kate McGown (Curator, Sidney Cooper Gallery), Clare Smith (Director, Dover Arts Development), Jane Pitt (Producer, Ideas Test)

Please Note

For International applicants, please be aware it is not the responsibility of Threads' to attain or manage your VISA or travel arrangements.

4 day residency

Sidney Cooper Gallery, 22-23 St Peter's St, Canterbury CT1 2BQ

A **4 day residency at the Sidney Cooper Gallery** in Canterbury, 5 Artists will share the large Gallery space which is located on Canterbury high street. Allowing the general public access to the space during the residency. Threads will have a closed critique with the selected 5 Artists at the start of the residency. There will be an open critique during the residency to provide the selected artists the opportunity to showcase the work created during the residency alongside a valuable networking opportunity with artists attending the critique who will be sharing their own work in progress.

Fee - each artist will be paid a fee of £800.00

The fee is intended to contribute to costs associated with attendance including: travel, accommodation and everyday expenses.

♿ - This space is entirely accessible.

1 day residencies (for full list of dates see final page)

Each Residency will include:

A closed critique with Threads and the selected Artists at the start of the residency. And an open critique during the residency to provide the selected artists the opportunity to showcase the work created during the residency alongside a valuable networking opportunity with artists attending the critique who will be sharing their own work in progress.

Each artist will be paid a fee of £200.00

The fee is intended to contribute to costs associated with attendance including: travel and expenses for the day.

1 day residencies at:

Dover Big Local Hub/Art31 Gallery, The Charlton Centre, High Street, Dover CT16 1TT

Located at Charlton Centre in the heart of Dover town centre secures a steady footfall of the general public and access to the Town's rich seaside culture. 3 Artists will share this space.

♿ - This space is entirely accessible.

Dover Studio Collective, 67 Astley Avenue CT16 2PW

Located at 67 Astley Avenue. This beautiful space has incredible views of Dover town and an open plan upstairs space. 5 Artists will share this space with Clare Smith (Director, Dover Arts Development).

♿ - This space has limited accessibility with multiple steps and stairs.

Ideas Test, 34 High Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 4PB

located on Sittingbourne high street and at one of Swale's leading arts organisations. Ideas Test specialises a focus to digital Arts and is equipped with a high street facing space and dark projector space alongside a large upstairs space. 5 Artists will share this space.

♿ - This space is entirely accessible for the ground floor

UCA Brewery Tap Project Space, Tontine Street, Folkestone, CT20 1JR

Located in the Folkestone Creative Quarter, offering the vibrant creative and dynamic footfall. The Project space is used by Students staff and Allumni of UCA to progress their practises. 5 Artists will share this space

♿ - This space is entirely accessible.

Sidney Cooper Gallery, 22-23 St Peter's St, Canterbury CT1 2BQ

5 artists will share the large gallery space within Canterbury Christchurch's gallery located on Canterbury's busy High Street. Selected artists will be able to engage with the City's contemporary and historic culture.

♿ - This space is entirely accessible.

Salons

Artists will be selected to participate in Salons will be invited to bring work which will installed into each space. The selected artists will present their work with the aid of the panel, following each presentation will be a question and answer session with the audience.

Each artist will be paid a fee of £50.00

The fee is intended to contribute to costs associated with attendance including: travel and expenses for the day.

Salon events at:

Turner Contemporary, Rendezvous, Margate CT9 1HG

Located on Margate's seafront The Turner Contemporary is one of the UK's leading art galleries with a large numbers of visitors each day. Priding itself on being a space for everyone to discover different ways of seeing, thinking and learning. 3 artists will share the platform.

♿ - This venue is entirely accessible

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Project Events

22nd March

UCA Brewery Tap Project Space, Tontine Street,
Folkestone
Salon - 13:00 - 16:30

4th April

Sidney Cooper Gallery, Canterbury
Residency - All Day
Critique - 17:30 - 19:00

19th April

Turner Contemporary, Margate
Salon - 13:00 - 16:30

3rd May

UCA Brewery Tap Project Space, Tontine Street,
Folkestone
Residency - All Day
Critique - 18:00 - 19:30

30th May

Turner Contemporary, Margate
Salon - 13:00 - 16:30

7th June

Art 31 Gallery/ Dover Big Local Hub, Charlton
Centre, Dover
Residency - All Day
Critique - 18:00 - 19:30

12th July

Art 31 Gallery/ Dover Big Local Hub, Charlton
Centre, Dover
Residency - All Day
Critique - 18:00 - 19:30

31st July - 3rd August

Sidney Cooper Gallery, Canterbury
Residency - All Day
3rd August - Critique 17:30 - 19:00

4th August

Celebration Event
Sidney Cooper Gallery, Canterbury
13:00 - 19:00

12th September

Dover Studio Collective,
67 Astley Avenue, Dover
Residency - All Day
Critique - 18:00 - 19:30

17th October

Ideas Test, High Street, Sittingbourne
Residency - All Day
Critique - 18:00 - 19:30

25th October

Turner Contemporary, Margate
Salon - 13:00 - 16:30

22nd November

Dover Studio Collective, 67 Astley Avenue, Dover
Residency - All Day
Critique - 18:00 - 19:30