



MEMBERSHIP

Art Space Portsmouth offers membership to both studio-holding members and off-site members. All members pay an annual membership fee (paid monthly in advance by Standing Order). All members are required to sign a membership agreement with Art Space Portsmouth.

Studio-holding Membership:

Studio-holding members currently pay an annual membership fee of £240 per year*. This is paid in 12 equal instalments of £20 per month, alongside studio rent. This includes all the benefits of membership as well as the additional benefit of low-cost studio space.

Off-site Membership:

Off-site members currently pay an annual membership fee of £120 per year*. This is paid in 12 equal instalments of £10 per month. This includes all the benefits of membership.

**The membership fee may from time-to-time be reviewed by the Board of Trustees of Art Space Portsmouth.*

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications for membership are made by completing the application form which can be downloaded from our website. Before submitting your application we strongly recommend that you take a look at the benefits of membership and the organisation's aims, objectives and criteria attached to this document.

If you require any further information on how to apply for Art Space Portsmouth membership, or if you have any further questions regarding Art Space Portsmouth membership, please contact the Studio Coordinator on: 023 9287 4523.



BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Art Space Portsmouth is the preeminent creative hub for visual artists and visual arts activity in the Portsmouth and South East Hampshire area. Members' benefit by association with over thirty years' of dedicated support for artists professional development, as well as projects and initiatives that have fostered strong local, national and international links.

Art Space occupies a unique place in the local creative industries community. As a registered Charity Art Space Portsmouth is managed by a Board of Trustees made up from both industry professionals and artist-members. The organisation itself however is driven by its artist membership and guided by its needs and aspirations. As such, it remains one of the few established arts organisations in the UK for whom direct, critical engagement with contemporary studio and gallery-based practice is key.

As a provider of low-cost artist studios, and through a wider network of off-site artist members - both early career and established creative practitioners - Art Space Portsmouth represents a dynamic and diverse community of artists. From practical support to peer-to-peer networking and opportunities for wider public engagement, membership also offers*:

- Being part of a network/group and active community of artists
- Opportunities to participate in off-site exhibitions and projects
- Opportunity to participate in our annual Open Studios weekend
- Opportunities for paid work and volunteering
- Hire of exhibition space (Art Space Portsmouth Gallery) for exhibitions or projects
- On-site use of bookable professional photographic studio lights
- On-site use of bookable data projectors and screen
- Individual artist's page on the Art Space Portsmouth website
- Invitation to attend artists' meetings and AGMs
- Opportunity to serve on Board of Trustees (as appropriate)
- Opportunity to put forward project proposals to the Board
- Advertise your events and exhibitions through the Art Space mailing list, Facebook page and Twitter

**Benefits of membership are subject to change.*



ART SPACE STUDIOS

Art Space Portsmouth has 31 studios at its site in Brougham Road, and has been providing affordable studios and support for visual artists for over thirty years.

Located in a converted chapel, we have a total of 31 studios ranging from 80 to 400 sq ft, designed to suit a wide range of visual art practices. The cost of our studios currently stands at £6.25 per square foot per annum*, which is reviewed on an annual basis. The studio rent also covers heating, lighting, electricity, maintenance, wi-fi connection, refuse collection and cleaning. There is 24-hour access to the studios, and all artists have access to a small-shared kitchen. Please note, only some of our studios have sinks, however, the building does have a communal wash-up area.

Requirements:

All of our studios holders are required to be active members of the organisation by agreeing to the Art Space Portsmouth membership agreement. An annual membership fee is payable (in equal monthly instalments) in addition to studio rent. Studio holders are also required to sign a studio under-lease with Art Space Portsmouth. Studio rent is payable in advance on a monthly basis by Standing Order. Studio artists are also required to pay a returnable studio deposit equivalent to two-months studio rent before the start of each tenancy.

**Studio rents are reviewed on an annual basis by the management and Board of Trustees of Art Space Portsmouth*

All studio holders are required to:

- Use their studios on a regular basis (at least 2 days a week)
- Ensure that electrical items / tools are PAT tested and safe to use
- Adhere to Health and Safety procedures and policies

Please note: Artists' individual equipment, studio contents and artworks are NOT insured by Art Space Portsmouth. Studio holders are encouraged to insure their own contents, equipment and artwork as appropriate. We would also strongly encourage studio-holders to have their own Public Liability insurance to protect against personal liability.



STUDIO ALLOCATION

We do not currently operate a waiting list system; however, when studios become available we follow the studio allocation procedure outlined below.

Art Space Portsmouth studio holders must be / or become full members of the organisation, and meet the Art Space Portsmouth criteria. Each artist is required to sign a studio under-lease up to three years in length*. After this period artists can sign another studio under-lease after review.

Studio Allocation Procedure:

When a studio becomes available at Art Space Portsmouth, the vacant studio is advertised in the first instance to the current studio-holding membership. This offers those with smaller, entry-level studios the opportunity to grow their practice if a larger space becomes available, or the opportunity to downsize if they now require a smaller space for any reason. A completed application form is required from each artist, that is then considered by a panel against the organisation's criteria**. More than one artist is permitted to move.

The original or the newly vacated studio space is then offered to the existing off-site membership of Art Space Portsmouth. A completed application form is required from each artist, that is then considered by a panel against the organisation's criteria**.

Any vacant studios available after the above procedure has been followed will be advertised externally via the Art Space Portsmouth mailing list, website, through local networks, and arts

networking sites. All interested artists will be asked to complete an application form, that is then considered by a panel against the organisation's criteria**.

*At the discretion of the management and Board of Trustees of ASP.

**The panel will look at each individual application against the organisation's aims, objectives and criteria. Studios are then allocated as appropriate, using the fairest means possible.

If you have any further questions regarding studio allocation please contact the Studio Coordinator on: 023 9287 4523.

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COMPANY AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Art Space Portsmouth has 31 studios at its site in Brougham Road. The objectives of the company shall be to promote, advance, improve and maintain the education of the public and to promote the appreciation of all forms of art by:

- Providing affordable studio space in particular for artists in financial need
- Providing facilities for exhibitions, workshops and seminars
- Promoting learning about the creative processes involved in the arts with the object of developing aesthetic appreciation

Art Space Portsmouth membership criteria:

Our members are required to be:

- Trained visual artists
- Actively engaged in their medium
- Exhibiting regularly
- Contributing to the organisation ie attending meetings, open studios & volunteering
- Participating in community initiatives, workshops & artist's talks as appropriate
- Practicing visual artists based in the region

In addition to the above, our studio-holding members are required to:

- Use their studios on a regular basis (at least 2 days a week)