

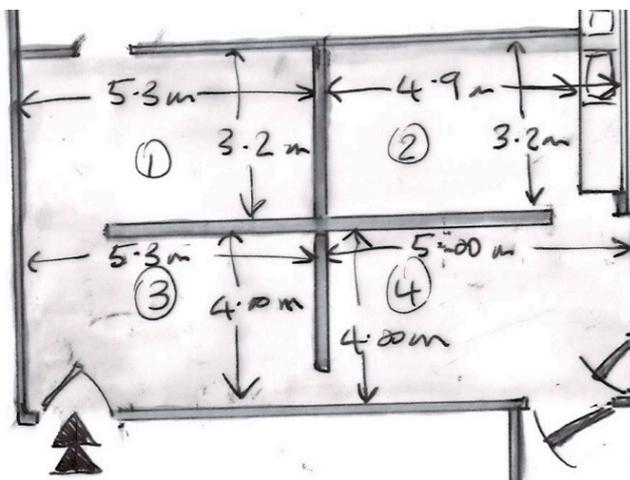
Cubitt Community Studios at Arts & Media School, Islington

Cubitt Education’s Community Studios Programme offers studio space in London in return for affordable license fees and artists’ time volunteering with the communities in which they are based.

We are seeking artists to take residence from July 2018 in a new set of four community studios based at Arts and Media School Islington (AMSI), a secondary school in north Islington with excellent links across the local community. We are interested in hearing from both individual artists and artist collectives who might want to take on more than one space. This opportunity would particularly suit artists who are interested in developing their educational practice in a supported setting.

- The studios

A classroom in Block C, AMSI’s self-contained technology building, has been fitted out into four open-plan artist studios.



Floorplan



Studio 1 – 17 meters square (183 square foot) - £150 pcm

Studio 2 – 16 meters square (172 square foot) - £150 pcm



Studio 4 – 20 meters square (215 square foot) - £150 pcm

Studio 3 – 21 meters square (226 square foot) - £150 pcm

NB, studios 3 and 4 are separated by a hinged wall which can be pulled back to create one larger space.

License fees have been calculated according to studio footprint and wall space.

- All utility bills are included in the rent
- License fee includes the use of a shared kitchen area, small outdoor area and an annexed space suitable for meetings / projects. These areas will be shared with the other artists
- There is Wi-Fi on site
- There is access to some lockable storage
- As this is a school setting, we cannot offer 24-hour access to the studios. Studios can be accessed 8am and 8.45pm, Monday to Friday and between 9.30am and 8.45pm on Saturday and 9.30am and 4.45pm on Sunday. There will be one week over the Christmas period where the studios are not accessible, during which artists will not pay their license fees

- Working with AMSI

Taking on a studio will involve the artists voluntarily contributing two hours of their time per month to creative projects which benefit and involve the school community. These hours can be built up and taken in one block, or spread out in weekly sessions. The use of this time will be negotiated between AMSI, Cubitt Education and the artists. There will also be the opportunity for studio holders to apply for paid commissions to deliver more substantial projects with the school.

We see the engagement element of the project as an experiment in which Cubitt, studio holders and members of the AMSI community can work together to test and explore what is possible to achieve within a school environment.

- What we are looking for

We are searching for artists who:

- have an inspiring and engaging practice and diverse range of practical skills which could be applied to a wide variety of workshops or projects

- are experienced in arts education
- are interested in working within a formal education setting, with the benefits and challenges that entails
- have or are willing to obtain an Enhanced DBS certificate issued within the last 3 years. AMSI will cover the cost of this process
- are able to take occupancy during July 2018

We are interested in hearing from individual artists, emerging artists and artist collectives who may want to occupy more than one space

- Key dates

- **Open sessions:** have a tour of the school, see the studios, meet the staff and students, with refreshments - 10am – 11am, Thursday 21st June 2018 & 2pm - 3pm, Thursday 28th June 2018
- **Application deadline:** 9am, Wednesday 4th July 2018
- **Interviews with Cubitt & AMSI:** Morning, Wednesday 11th July 2018
- **Move in and inductions:** w/c 23rd July 2018

- To apply, book a place on an open session or for more information

Contact Lydia Ashman, Programme Manager: Schools & Young People - lydia@cubittartists.org.uk

Working days: Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays

- About Cubitt Education and the Community Studios programme

Cubitt Education develops long-term projects that address local needs. We offer artist-led activities in schools, community centers and youth settings. We aim to support social cohesion, break down barriers to participation and support people to live culturally rich, socially fulfilled lives. Please see <http://cubittartists.org.uk/2018/04/10/cubitt-education-programme/> for a 5 minute guide to our programme.

The Community Studios programme is a growing strand of our work. We currently manage a portfolio of over ten studios in three settings. It is founded on our beliefs in the value to society of what artists create in their studios, and the value of participants taking part in creative practices.

Examples of previous community studio holders' contributions include creating work with and about residents in an extra care setting, hosting events and exhibitions, and leading weekly art sessions. Studio holders are supported by regular meetings with Cubitt staff and other artists in their community setting. They can also access our Artists Social Club, quarterly informal gatherings with fellow freelance artist educators.

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