



DAiSY: Emerging Artist Commissions

This year we are offering Emerging Artist commissions for disabled artists who are based in Surrey. The programme will support artists to develop their practice by offering mentoring from industry professionals and fostering connections with our cultural partners across the county.

Watts Gallery Partnership Commission

We are proud to offer a partnership commission with Watts Gallery, which aims to help artists foster connections with our cultural partners across the county of Surrey.

Founded in 1904, Watts Gallery Trust promotes the enjoyment and understanding of the art of George Frederic Watts (1817-904) and Mary Watts (1849-1938) who established a home and studios there in the 1890s. At the centre of all their work is a commitment to an Art for All ethos – opening up the collections and creative opportunities for everyone, regardless of background, disability or challenging circumstances.

wattsgallery.org.uk

For this commission, there are additional criteria. We are looking for an artist to:

- take inspiration from the Watts Gallery's permanent exhibition of George Frederic Watts's paintings.

The Watts Gallery have an accessible residency space and encourage applications from artists who would benefit from the use of such a space to support this award.

The commission offer includes:

from DAiSY:

- One-to-one time throughout the commissioning year with an artist mentor. Artists will be supported in their creative practice to develop a piece of work as part of the commission.
- A cash sum of £1000 to pay for materials and other expenses

from Watts Gallery:

- Free entry to Watts Gallery and access to site tours.
- Time with staff to find out more about the Watts Collection.
- 2 weeks use of the Watts Gallery Artist in Residence Studio
- Networking opportunities with other artists

We are looking for gifted, emerging artists who identify as disabled, who live, have a base, or work in Surrey, and who are keen for some support to progress their artistic development.

If you wish to apply please complete the short application form downloadable on our website, or if you prefer, record a video (no longer than 5 minutes):

daisyfest.co.uk/watts-gallery-partnership-commission/

Applications should be sent to projects@daisyfest.co.uk

The deadline for applying is 9am on Friday 2nd July 2021, with successful applicants being contacted within two weeks.

If you have any questions or require further access support with the application process please talk to us and tell us what works best for you by contacting projects@daisyfest.co.uk and we will get back to you by email or call you back.

About DAiSY

DAiSY is a collection of disability and mental health focused arts organisations which promote and celebrate the great artistic work being created in Surrey. The organisation strives to develop the South East as the lead region in the UK for disability and deaf cultural activity, making Surrey a welcoming and inclusive place for all artists to practice. DAiSY works with its member organisations to share skills, resources and grow together.