



# **DISABLED ARTIST COMMISSIONED RESIDENCY. IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NEW ASHGATE GALLERY, FARNHAM.**

## **ARTIST BRIEF - DEADLINE 22ND MAY 2023**

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### **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 practise. DAISY works with Disabled Artists and its member organisations to share skills and resources. We work with Cultural partners across Surrey to put on Exhibitions, create Artworks, commission Artists in order to increase the awareness and status of Disability Arts.

### **ABOUT NEW ASHGATE GALLERY**

The New Ashgate Gallery is located in the centre of Farnham and specialises in the curation and promotion of arts and craft. Established in 1959, it has supported emerging artists and encouraged participation in the community through free exhibitions, craft workshops and professional practice seminars.

They curate more than 20 annual exhibitions with some of the best artists working on painting, print, ceramics, jewellery, textiles, glass and wood.

### **THE COMMISSIONED RESIDENCY**

DAISY is partnering with New Ashgate Gallery in Farnham to offer a Surrey based disabled artist a month long gallery residence between mid August - mid September 2023. We are looking for gifted 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. 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.

We are looking for an artist working in any artform or craft, although the space would be most suitable for relatively 'clean' work as there is a carpeted floor. The work can be linked to any subject or theme, although we are particularly interested in artists that are interested in responding to the local area. Farnham is proud to have a World Craft Town status. We are also keen to hear from artists who are interested in creating participatory art with the opportunity to partake in Farnham Heritage Week in September.

This residency is primarily to help develop the chosen artist's own practice. Although there is no requirement to produce a final artwork or exhibition, there will be opportunities to show work created within your space during Farnham Heritage Week if desired .

#### **THE GALLERY SPACE**

The chosen artist will have use of a large, public facing room on the first floor of the Gallery. There is a lift and the space is fully accessible. Although the space is in a separate area from the main gallery, there are glass doors and visitors may occasionally interact with you and walk into the space. The chosen artist will need to be comfortable talking about their work and occasionally interacting with members of the public.

The Gallery is closed on Sundays and Monday during the week. We are flexible on the amount of time spent at the Gallery during your residency but we expect the chosen artist to be there at least 2-3 days a week.

#### **DAISY SUPPORT**

DAISY is able to offer one-to-one sessions throughout the residency with a professional artist mentor relevant to your practice and medium.

A sum of £1000 will be paid to the chosen artist to pay for materials and other expenses incurred during the residency.

#### **TIMELINE**

Monday 22nd May 2023:	Artist application deadline
Beginning June 2023:	Selected artist appointed
August 2023:	Artist mentoring begins
Aug 15 - Sept 16 2023:	Residency period
Sept 8-17 2023:	Farnham Heritage Week

## TO APPLY

If you wish to apply please complete this online form:

[ARTIST RESIDENCY APPLICATION FORM](#)

Additionally, we are happy to accept applications in different formats, including video and audio files (no longer than 5 minutes). If you need any support with submitting your application please contact us.

The deadline for applying is **Monday 22nd May 2023**.

We will be contacting all applicants within two weeks to let you know if you have been successful or not and may conduct informal online interviews.

If you have any questions or require further access support with the application please contact us at [cara@daisyfest.co.uk](mailto:cara@daisyfest.co.uk) and we will get back to you via email or organise a time to call you.