

SPUD ARTIST RESIDENCY

LGBTQ+ Artist Residency and Gallery Takeover

PROJECT BRIEF

Aims:

We are looking for artists to build on a very successful residency with artists Luke Pell and Lucy Cash in the spring and summer of 2022 and on a project run by Forest Arts in New Milton last year. Working with our central concepts at the core: **place/placemaking, collaboration, design and communities**, the aim of this project is to work in collaboration with members of the Breakout Youth groups and young LGBTQ+ people locally to explore the concept of queerness and gender identity in the context of living in the New Forest and also to mentor two local early career LGBTQ+ artists to enable them to continue working with this community into the future.

Background

During their residency in 2022 artists Luke Pell and Lucy Cash developed the project 'Our New Common Forest' which built into A Queer Almanac and exhibition/installation at the spudWORKS gallery in August 2022. They worked in collaboration with young people from Breakout Youth groups all over Hampshire. Details of the project are on our website: <https://www.spud.org.uk/ournewcommonforest>.

We now have the opportunity to build on this project, working in partnership with Forest Arts in New Milton, and with two local Breakout Youth groups in Marchwood and New Milton and other young LGBTQ+ communities in the Forest including groups in schools.

Project Brief:

We are looking to work with an LGBTQ+ artist to give them space and time to develop their own work alongside working in collaboration with young LGBTQ+ communities in the New Forest. We are offering three weeks in our residency live/work space at spudWORKS in Sway one week from 19th -25th June which we envisage as a planning and introductory week and two weeks in July ([details of the space here](#)). Alongside this the gallery will be available for the whole of July and we envisage this being a space for experimental work in collaboration with young LGBTQ+ people which will build up, alongside your own, in the gallery at spudWORKS through July into an exhibition/installation with a celebratory event at the end.

We will also be commissioning two local artists, potentially early career graduates, who you will mentor and work alongside to develop their skills in working with vulnerable young people and give them the potential to continue the work into the future.

Working with participants you will develop and explore innovative ways of working to make deeper connections between the young LGBTQ+ people, queerness/gender identity and the place they live in. Many of them are still exploring their identities in relation to queerness and gender, and perhaps have few role models in the rural context of the New Forest. Through informal workshops identifying their needs and desires you will develop creative activities and

ideas that enhance and expand their expressive and artistic skills. These might include photography/filmmaking, drawing, printmaking, ceramics, textiles and/or collage which have been identified as media that they would be interested to work in. Workshops will take place both on and off site.

About Breakout Youth:

Breakout Youth offer a confidential support service for young people in Hampshire aged 11 to 25, who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning or unsure of their sexuality or gender identity. Young people who identify as LGBTQ+ or are unsure often feel isolated and alone with their sexuality or gender identity, Breakout Youth enables groups of likeminded young people to be able to socialise with safety and also provides support to help with feelings of isolation or confusion. Their youth groups run on a strict system of confidentiality and some of the group have additional and complex needs.

Safeguarding

SPUD has strict safeguarding policies in place, and the necessarily confidential nature of the identities of participants and their vulnerability means that the artist/artists would need to adhere to these guidelines and policies at all times and be sensitive and considerate of any procedures identified by Breakout Youth.

Schedule:

Application deadline: 27th March 2023 – 5pm

Interviews: 18th April 2023

Project Dates:

19th – 25th June in the Residency Space to:

- Undertake artistic research
- Be introduced to the groups and have initial sessions
- Have a day with two local artists to identify mentoring wishes and needs

3th July – 10th July in the Residency Space and the Gallery

- Building experimental work with young people and local artists

11th – 21st July (Residency space and gallery)

- Local artists work in gallery with young people

24th -31st July (Residency space and gallery)

- School holidays working with young people and local artists to finish the exhibition/installation

Budget: £3500 Artist fee
£500 for materials/travel

How to apply

Please submit the following through the [online form](#):

- a short proposal max 500 words
- A short CV – no more than 2 sides of A4
- short statement of your philosophy and approach to working with young LGBTQ+ people – no more than 200 words
- Up to 8 images of work
- And/or max 2 x film of work and link to your website

Applicants must demonstrate:

- Experience of working with diverse communities and empathy to their needs
- Innovative approach to working creatively in this context
- Understanding of safeguarding measures relating to work with vulnerable young people and adults.
- Have full and valid DBS certification

Please contact Alex – alex@spud.org.uk if you need any more information or to let us know if you have any access needs and would prefer to submit your application in an alternative form.

Supporting Information

Information about the residency space: <https://www.spud.org.uk/selffundedresidencies>
(NB. this page is set up for self-funded residencies but this residency is fully funded)