

# Surrey Artists Open Studios Call Out to Younger Artists

Are you a young artist living, studying, educated or working in Surrey with ambitions to develop your practice and to share your work with the public? SAOS (Surrey Artists Open Studios), in partnership with Surrey Libraries and Farnham Maltings is delighted to offer four artists under the age of 30 years a free six-week residency within one of Surrey's 52 libraries throughout May 2022 leading up to and including the two weeks of open studios 2022 (11-26 June 2022).

The residency package includes free year-long membership to SAOS and entry to join the 2022 summer programme and fees to run workshops as part of your residency.

## About:

Imagination Space is a year-long programme of work to build the partnership between Surrey Library Service and Farnham Maltings to test the use of libraries as performance, workshop and exhibition spaces as a means of extending the reach and accessibility of cultural engagement across the County. The project will strengthen the networks and intelligence of the county, borough and districts to develop library managers as promoters, to create opportunities for emerging artists to engage with Surrey Artists Open Studios and build new audiences.

We are keen to support ambitious recent graduates and younger artists and to welcome them to our network of artists. The opportunity to work in one of our library spaces and to be a part of the SAOS programme means that you raise your public profile and will engage with arts-interested audiences. We would like to hear from artists and makers working in a wide variety of media.

## To apply:

If you wish to be considered for one of our four residencies, please provide a 300-word proposal outlining how you would approach your residency and the type of activities or workshops you would aim to run with the public, on one side of A4. Please also include a short statement on what being selected as a SAOS Surrey Libraries Artist in Residence will mean for you and your work. Please send your CV, a link to your website or portfolio of work to the SAOS Programme Manager Caitlin Heffernan at [info@surreyopenstudios.org.uk](mailto:info@surreyopenstudios.org.uk)

The selection process will be overseen by a panel led by SAOS including representation from the library service and Farnham Maltings.

If you'd like to learn more about the potential of using library spaces please contact Caitlin in the first instance, visits to specific libraries can be arranged but of course they are open at their usual times.

**Deadline for Expressions of Interest: 31 January 2022**



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