

Artist Residency - Role Description

(please read with Open Call Out document)

Opportunity: Artist - Residential Voluntary Worker at Toynbee Hall, 28 Commercial Street, London E1 6LS

We want to share and celebrate our heritage with the public, and ensure that we carry our history of community action into the future, by recruiting our second cohort of residential voluntary workers.

Invitation: We are offering a six-month residency to live at Toynbee Hall. Unfortunately, there is no studio space available during this residency, but there will be access to our multipurpose education space. We are inviting applications for an **Artist Residential Voluntary Worker (RVW)**. We are particularly interested in artists with a socially engaged practice. We welcome proposals that demonstrate how your practice can draw upon our rich heritage, drawing on Toynbee Hall's archive, and actively engaging with Toynbee's direct services and the communities we engage with.

It is a unique opportunity to develop your practice in new ways; supporting a charity that focuses on working towards a future without poverty, and bridging the gap between people of all social and financial backgrounds.

What will I be doing?

- Exploring and drawing upon Toynbee Hall's archive and the direct services we provide, to develop a series of participatory creative community engagement activities that relate to your practice
- Focusing on one of our direct services to create a permanent work/immersive experience that tells a story of Toynbee that is informative, and empowers and challenges its audience
- Taking the lead to produce an engaging professional end-of-year residency process/show/exhibition at Toynbee Hall to showcase the process/work of all the RVW's

We want you to:

- Share your process and creative achievements here at Toynbee, resulting in an end-of-residency showcase/exhibition/experience alongside the other RVW residencies
- Inform Toynbee Hall's social media platform by contributing to 'Your time at Toynbee Blog' through at least 5 entries during your 6 month residency
- Evaluate your practice; reflecting upon participants taking part in your programme and its impact, and upon your residency experience. Our evaluation team will hold regular evaluation meetings with you to support this process

What skills, knowledge or qualities do I need?

Skills

- Professional/emerging artist (minimum 2 years' experience in chosen field)
- Socially engaged artist with demonstrable experience of, and passion for using your specialist practice to engage with local communities



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- Experience of working on arts projects that encourage community participation and dialogue with partners, stakeholders and the general public
- Strong communication and people skills, with the ability to work with different audiences including young people and hard-to-reach communities
- Proven ability to work independently, as well as successfully collaborating with others
- Effective time-management skills incorporating prioritising tasks and meeting deadlines

Knowledge

- Some knowledge and interest of how arts related process impacts on community learning, skill sharing, and the promotion of under-represented voices
- Some knowledge and interest in social policy and the mechanics of influencing social change
- Sound working knowledge of social media platforms

Qualities

- Commitment to giving your time, and a genuine passion and interest in community engagement / the voluntary sector - we are looking for individuals whose practice own reflects this
- Reliable, flexible, punctual and committed to delivering projects on time through effective time-management
- Inquisitive; a willingness to learn more about Toynbee Hall's heritage and direct services, and open to learning new skills
- Imaginative and innovative – a desire to experiment with new ideas and approaches.
- Positive, enthusiastic, and friendly
- Sensitivity when working with people and communities; actively supporting Equal Opportunities and observing and respecting confidentiality

Additional Information Please read the **call out document**; this will help you decide if the role is suitable for you

How to apply

Please submit the following documents to recruitment@toynbeehall.org.uk

- A completed Toynbee Hall application form
- A proposal demonstrating how your socially engaged practice relates to the skills, knowledge and qualities outlined in this role description
- An up-to-date CV
- Please attach up to four examples of your work that are applicable to the specific role that you are applying for. You can send work as PDFs, jpegs at 700dpi, or a link to your website for any larger files or film/mp3. Any work submitted should have the year that it was produced, and a short paragraph explaining its relevance to your application
- Please **do not** send hard copies of your work, as we are unable to return them

Timeline

Closing date for applications: Monday April 15th 2019 9am

Interviews with short – listed applicant: April 23 -26th 2019

Residency length: Approx. 6 months from July 2019 – January 12th 2020 tbc
Minimum 15 hours a week (to be discussed)