

Peer Networks

People + Place with Laura Eldret

Call out for artists to join new peer network: PaP

PaP (People + Place) is a forum for artists exploring ideas and modes of contemporary art-making that exist at the intersection of people and place. It is a framework to test and share ideas that inform participating artists' practices. The intention is to be supported in the conceptualisation and development of unchartered territories in our practices.

"An artist should search, not re-search" Joseph Albers

People + Place is an artists' peer network led by artist Laura Eldret, in partnership with MTP (More Than Ponies), and supported by 'a space' arts.

More Information

PaP (People + Place) seeks to explore new ways of thinking and working with people and places. How can we find new ways to inspire, approach and generate our work? Opportunities for working with people + place are often dictated by organisations, landowners, developers, etc. PaP seeks to explore these territories by starting from artists' points of view. Artists working with people and places often do not work alongside fellow practitioners, and so have limited opportunities for discussion, examination and peer critique. The focus will be on ideas, research and creative thinking (as opposed to production and career strategies etc.)

Who

PaP is for artists motivated by a wide-range of interests in society, people, place and politics today. Your practice may be socially engaged, research-based, or consist of sculptural interventions, film or video documents, work in the public domain, site-specific practice, community-based work, and other related practices.

'a space' arts artists' peer networks are for visual artists living or working within the SO postcode. Initially we intend to recruit a network of 8 participating artists.

When / Where / How

The PaP network aims to provide a genuine space for developing, testing and generating new ideas through discussion, presentations and in-depth crits; interesting provocations and readings; a special guest or two; food, laughter and the development of meaningful and supportive relationships. To allow this to happen participating artists will be expected to be able to commit to attending the meetings.

There will be five main meetings across the year taking place at 'a space' arts, within the New Forest, online and other places (tbc). Meet-up formats and timings are intentionally diverse to facilitate commitment. The inaugural meeting of PaP will take place 6–9pm on Wednesday 17 July at 'a space' arts, Southampton with Pecha Kucha presentations and a pot-luck dinner.

To Apply

Please submit your expression of interest in joining PaP by 26th June by completing the form at: <https://aspacearts.typeform.com/to/YhtYVj>

Informal submissions encouraged. Inclusion of your CV and any links relevant to your practice and/or your initial thoughts about the premise of PaP (People + Place) welcomed.