

The Turning Point Bursary for Visual Artists

2022 Application Pack



About the Turning Point Bursary

'a space' arts is pleased to announce the re-launch of our biennial talent development bursary programme under its new name 'The Turning Point Bursary for Visual Artists'.

We're inviting visual artists at a turning point in their artistic career to propose and carry out a 6 month programme of activity to develop their practice.

The Turning Point Bursary programme acts as a springboard to extend existing interests and explore new territories by enabling visual artists to propose a development project that is responsive to their needs, aligned with their practice, ambition, career position and long-term goals.

Previous projects selected have involved testing out new ideas and experimentation, creating or developing new work, mentoring and gaining skills and knowledge, but proposals can differ from these examples as long as applicants can make the case for it contributing to the development of their practice.

About the 2022 programme

There are 8 places available on the 2022 programme. The bursary is open to individual artists, collaborations and collectives, though only one bursary will be awarded per application.

This is a 1 stage application. All applicants can book an optional 1-to-1 application support session with Artist Development Officer, Mary Cork, in advance of submitting.

What you will receive

Successful applicants to the Turning Point Bursary for Visual Artists will receive:

- £1000 bursary to support their proposed activity.
- Three 1-to-1 support sessions with the 'a space' arts Creative Programme team over 6 months.
- Two group meetings with other Turning Point Bursary recipients, organised with the purpose of developing a final public sharing event at 'a space' venue God's House Tower; a chance to share new work, skills or knowledge gained through their project.
- Participation in the final public sharing event at God's House Tower in February 2023.

Application criteria

To apply for the programme you must:

- Be an artist or group with an active, critically engaged practice in the visual arts*.
- Be based (live or work) within the SO postcode area.
- Explain why you consider yourself to be at a turning point in your practice and how this opportunity will help you develop as an artist.
- Be able to complete your project within the timeframe (6 months).

**Previous recipients of an 'a space' Talent Development Bursary are not eligible.*

Decisions will be made by a panel comprised of 'a space' creative programme representatives and an external assessor based on the following criteria:

- Whether the applicant is based in the SO postcode area.
- Clarity of proposal including a good understanding of the objectives the artist hopes to achieve.
- The level of benefit the bursary will bring to an artist's visual art practice and its potential to facilitate meaningful 'turning point' support for the artist, as explained through their proposal.
- How the applicants practice might function as part of a cohort of other recipient visual artists and their potential to contribute to a final sharing event.
- Aims that are achievable within the 6 month timeframe and a realistic budget.

How to apply

To apply please email mary@aspacearts.org.uk with the following:

- A proposal including a description your proposed development activity, an explanation of why you feel you're at a turning point in your career and the impact that this activity will have on your practice. (.pdf format, max 1 side of A4).
- A separate simple budget document indicating how you will spend the £1000 bursary. (.pdf format, 1 side of A4).
- A link to your work online or up to 6 images attached to your application.

Successful applicants will be notified by the 10th June.

To book your 1-to-1 application support session or to request specialist access support please email mary@aspacearts.org.uk

Access

As an organisation we actively look to reduce barriers for artists applying for our opportunities and commissions, and we are committed to being fair, accessible, transparent and inclusive.

We offer a range of access support for artists, including alternative formats for information we release and submissions we receive as well as an artist access fund; please contact us so that we can discuss your individual needs and provide appropriate support for your application or project. Please either email us on enquiries@aspacearts.org.uk or call 023 80 338 778.

For more information about this work please visit - aspacearts.org.uk/about-us.

Anti-racism

To further our mission we are taking proactive steps to becoming an anti-racist organisation. We have pledged to deliver a number of commitments through our Anti-Racism Action Plan over the next two years along with a series of activities to bring immediate benefits to global majority artists. We feel this combination of working towards long-term change and immediate action can make a real difference to Southampton's global majority visual artists and we plan to continue working on this dual approach.

For more information about this work please visit - aspacearts.org.uk/about-us

About 'a space' arts

Established in 2000, by artists for artists, 'a space' arts is the visual arts organisation leading on a range of artist development projects, including the Arches and Tower House studios, God's House Tower, the RIPE programme, along with offering a bespoke range of Artist Resources.

Artist development at the heart of all of our projects and we deliver our mission of supporting visual artists and inspiring audiences in enterprising ways. All of our work and venues including Victorian railway arches and Medieval monuments supporting delivering our mission. The organisation is a registered charity and an Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisation.

For more further information and an overview of our work please visit - aspacearts.org.uk

For project specific information please visit - godshousetower.org.uk and ripesouthampton.org.uk

