

Rushmoor Spaces

Connecting artists with spaces



What is ‘Rushmoor Artists Spaces’?

Rushmoor Artists Spaces is a programme open to artists, creatives, art organisations or artist collectives living or working in Rushmoor who need space to develop their practice. A range of spaces will be available across Rushmoor and artists will be matched with space depending on needs and availability.

We welcome applications from a range of artists looking to utilise spaces across artforms including music, theatre, dance, visual arts, literature and combined arts. The selected artists will be supported with a space free of charge to practice their art, experiment with new creative techniques, hold meetings, trial workshops and develop their ideas, etc. We are committed to working with artists who reflect Rushmoor’s diversity, are committed to developing their practice and are socially engaged.

This programme is part of [Culture Connects](#), which is funded through Hampshire Cultural Trust’s work as an [Arts Council England](#) funded National Portfolio Organisation. Culture Connects is a one-stop-shop for Rushmoor’s arts community to connect with people, resources and places. We plan to release more opportunities that connect artists with spaces across Rushmoor in the future. Make sure you are signed up to the Culture Connects [newsletter](#) to find out more.

Spaces are available from February to September 2025
Applications close on Sunday 25 January at 11.59pm

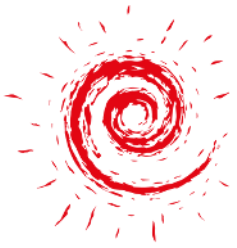


Artist Commitments

- Animate the space through your artistic practice
- Commit to the programme and maximise the opportunity throughout your period of occupation
- Actively engage in Rushmoor's Creative Network for the duration of your project including sharing how you have engaged with the programme
- Work with Hampshire Cultural Trust to engage the public with your practice e.g. through performances, open studio sessions, workshops, gallery exhibitions and talks
- Provide light-touch documentation of your project e.g. blog / case study that can be shared through [Culture Connects](#)
- Participate in evaluation to help shape the future of the Rushmoor Artists Spaces programme

Hampshire Cultural Trust Commitments

- Provide space at no cost for an agreed period of time during agreed hours
- Provide advice and assistance on raising additional resources, such as grants to support practice development.
- Provide an induction to the space and make introductions so that artists can connect with the creative sector locally
- Support artists to develop methods for sharing their Rushmoor Artists Spaces experience with wider audiences
- Provide access to one-to-one meetings with the [HCT Culture Connects team](#) to catch up, reflect and review progress



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Location: 48 Queens Road, Aldershot GU11 3JD

Variety of spaces on available for one-off to twelve-week blocks.

Theatre

Equipment available: empty only

Capacity: 200 standing



Gallery

Equipment available: tables and chairs or empty

Capacity: up to 40 seated, 20 standing for workshops

Bar

Equipment available: suitable for meetings or as a shared work space, tables and chairs available.

Up to 10 artists to serve as a co-working space.



Dance Studio

Equipment available: this room has a wooden floor, full-length mirrors and barrés. Ideal for dance, exercise classes or rehearsals but open for other suggestions. Empty only.

Capacity: 20 standing

Creative Room

Equipment available: ideal for meetings and workshops but overall a flexible space. Tables and chairs or empty.

Capacity: Up to 20 seated



Function Room

Equipment available: sink, tables and chairs.

Capacity: 12 seated



Location: Union Street

Shipping container units available from one month to eight months. One upper and one ground floor unit.

- 1 upper floor container (only accessible using stairs)
- 1 lower floor container
- There is a welfare unit adjacent with sinks and toilet facilities.
- Size: 6m long and 2.4m deep.
- More information to follow, including a video tour



Location: Queens Avenue, Aldershot GU11 2LG
Boyce Room available for one-off to twelve - week blocks

The Boyce Building

The Boyce Building is a 1930's wooden barrack block and was once the home of the Regimental Administration Offices for the camp. The venue is typically hired for meetings, talks, classes, workshops, events and functions.

Facilities and equipment include main room (standing capacity 60, seated capacity 50), kitchen, toilets including accessible toilet, car parking (20 spaces), Wi-fi, TV screen, tables & chairs, cutlery & crockery and flipchart. Conditions/restrictions on use include no smoking.



Application Process

Please complete an application form by Sunday 25 January 2025. We are committed to working with artists who engage with Arts Council England's [Investment Principles](#) and will be looking at how artists demonstrate this in their applications.

- Ambition & Quality
- Dynamism
- Environmental Responsibility
- Inclusivity & Relevance

Applications will be reviewed by a panel made up of representatives from Hampshire Cultural Trust, Rushmoor Borough Council and Arts Council England.

To be eligible for this programme, you must be an artist, creative, arts organisation or artist collective living or working in Rushmoor and be aged over 18.

We are keen to work with artists from a variety of backgrounds with different skills, stories, and experiences. We actively seek applications from our diverse communities including global majority, deaf, disabled, neurodivergent and LGBTQ+ to represent diverse lived experiences in our projects.

Artists will need to have their own public liability insurance.

[Click here to access the application form](#)

Artists will be notified of the outcome of their applications in February.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I apply with someone else?

Yes, we welcome applications from groups of artists/creatives or artist collectives.

Can I apply for more than one space?

Yes, you can apply for more than one space and each application will be assessed individually.

Can I visit the spaces beforehand?

Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee visits to spaces during the application process. We have created a pack with additional information on spaces and pictures/videos where possible for you to view prior to applying.

Can I apply if I don't live or work in Rushmoor?

Priority for spaces will be given to applications from artists/creatives that live or work in Rushmoor. Artists who do not currently live or work in Rushmoor may apply if they are able to demonstrate that they will bring something innovative and exciting to the borough during the programme.

How will artists be chosen if there are more applications than spaces?

All applications will be reviewed by a panel who will be looking for how artists demonstrate they are actively engaging with ACE's Investment Principles through their practice.

What do you mean by public engagement?

Public engagement means that the local community of Rushmoor are able to engage in an element of your work. We are open to ideas of what this could look like, e.g. workshops, performances, exhibitions, open studios or talks. You do not need to engage with the public for the full duration of your time in a space, but we ask that you build in opportunity for them to engage.



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Rushmoor Borough Council serves the communities of Aldershot and Farnborough in north-east Hampshire. Our cabinet has recently agreed to a new set of five priority themes for the borough. The priority themes are: Skills, economy and business; Homes for all: quality living, affordable housing; Community and wellbeing: active life, healthier and stronger communities; Pride in place: clean, safe and vibrant neighbourhoods; and Vision for the future and financial sustainability. Along with these themes, sustainability, diversity, and inclusion will be at the heart of all council activity. We also want to make sure we continue to provide our core local services and work closely with our partner organisations for the best possible local outcomes. You can find more details about the council and what we do on our website, www.rushmoor.gov.uk.



Want to find out more about what's happening in the arts community near you? Culture Connects is where you need to be! This is your one-stop-shop for Gosport, Rushmoor and the New Forest where you can connect with people, resources and places. www.cultureconnects.org.uk