# Rushmoor Creative Spaces

## Connecting creatives with free space to work

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# What is ‘Rushmoor Creative Spaces’?

**Rushmoor Creative Spaces** is a programme open to creatives, artists, professionals working in heritage, arts organisations and artist collectives living or working in Rushmoor. The purpose is to find space, free of charge, to help you develop your practice. Creative Spaces connects those who have available space in the area with those who need the space. We work with partners across Rushmoor to match your needs with what’s available locally. Spaces can be utilised for one off sessions, a short series, or longer residences of up to 12 weeks.

We welcome applications from a range of professionals to utilise spaces across artforms including music, theatre, dance, visual arts, literature, combined arts and heritage practice. Selected creatives 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.

This programme forms part of Hampshire Cultural Trust’s work as an **Arts Council England** funded National Portfolio Organisation. For more information on our Cultural Development work and opportunities across Rushmoor, visit **Culture Connects** and make sure you are signed up to the Culture Connects **newsletter** for regular updates.

**Spaces are available from June to October 2026**
**Applications close on Thursday 21 May at 11.59pm**

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## Artist Commitments

- Animate the space through your artistic practice - make regular, active use of the space and keep it safe and free from hazards.
- Commit to the programme and maximise the opportunity throughout your period of occupation
- Keep in touch with the Cultural Development team during your residency.
- 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 our cultural development programme in Rushmoor.
- Commit to following audience evaluation guidelines if your work includes members of the public
- Ensure you have appropriate training and policies in place if your work includes working with members of the public, including children and adults at risk
- Adhere to any policies and conditions set by the operator of any space provided

## Hampshire Cultural Trust Commitments

- Provide or negotiate with independent partner 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 **the Cultural Development Team** to catch up, reflect and review progress

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**Location: 48 Queens Road, Aldershot GU11 3JD**
**Variety of spaces available for one to six individual sessions.**

## Theatre

Equipment available: empty only

Capacity: 200 standing

## Gallery

Equipment available: tables and chairs or empty

Capacity: standing 60, 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: 40 standing

## Creative Room

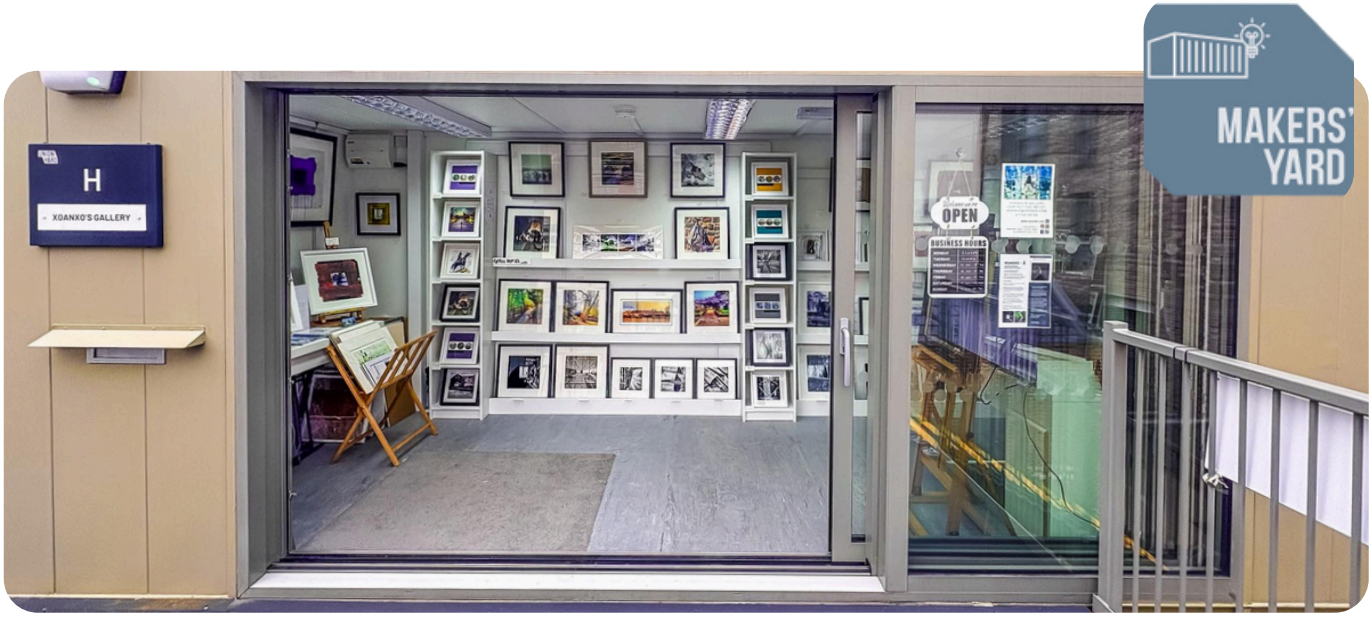
Equipment available: ideal for meetings and workshops but overall a flexible space. Tables and chairs or empty.

Capacity: Standing 40, Up to 20 seated

## Art Room

Equipment available: sink, tables and chairs.

Capacity: 12 seated




**Location: Union Street**
**Shipping container units available from one month to eight months, subject to availability.**

- 1 lower floor container
- 1 upper floor container
- There is a welfare unit adjacent with sinks and toilet facilities.
- Size: 6m long and 2.4m deep.
- More information can be found here

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**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.

# LoveYourStudio

**Location: 60 Kingsmead, Farnborough GU14 7SL**

An aspirational space comprising several rooms of different sizes. LoveYourStudio is available at non-peak times for artists use. The venue is used for yoga and wellbeing, but has also hosted film screenings and other artistic performances. Its owner has a vision for the space as the hub of the local creative community, and part of the mezzanine is a workspace where creatives are welcome to work.

Facilities include:
Large yoga studio - capacity 35 laying down
Small yoga studio- capacity 20 laying down
Meeting room- 3 seated
Therapy room - 6 seated
Workspace - 20 seated

Local parking is available at Queensmead car park.

More information can be found **here**

# Application Process

**Please complete an application form by Thursday 21st May 2026.**

We are committed to supporting creative and heritage professionals by providing access to space that enables the delivery of at least one of the following Cultural Development objectives:

- Support the development of your professional practice in Rushmoor
- Increase engagement or participation in arts and cultural activity, either with the public or within the creative sector
- Strengthen local creative networks, partnerships or relationships with venues, communities or peers
- Generate learning about creative practice, place-based working or engagement approaches

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

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

We are keen to work with creatives 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 June.**

# 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 submissions be selected?
All applications will be reviewed by a panel who will be looking for how artists demonstrate they are actively engaging with our Cultural Development aims through their practice.

### I'm disabled / neurodivergent — can I get support with the application?
Yes. We welcome conversations about access and support.
This might include alternative formats, Easy Read guidance, BSL, or adjustments to the application process. Please contact us in advance of the deadline so we can discuss this with you.
Access needs will not affect how your application is assessed.

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Arts Council England is the national development agency for creativity and culture. We have set out our strategic vision in Let's Create that by 2030 we want England to be a country in which the creativity of each of us is valued and given the chance to flourish and where everyone of us has access to a remarkable range of high-quality cultural experiences. We invest public money from Government and The National Lottery to help support the sector and to deliver this vision. **www.artscouncil.org.uk**.

RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL

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**.

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Culture Connects is a cultural development body supporting people and organisations working in culture, heritage and the creative industries across Hampshire. We exist to help artists, creatives, makers and cultural leaders connect, collaborate and bring ideas to life. We also act as a strategic partner for the cultural sector, advocating for its value and representing its voice to political leaders, funders and decision makers so culture and creativity remain central to our region's future. Find out more at **cultureconnects.org.uk.**