



**Arts Centre Washington is delighted to present an open call to all artists, amateur or professional!**



This winter, we want to celebrate the art and creativity of our local community. This is a fantastic opportunity for selected artists to show their work in a public gallery. We would like applicants to creatively respond to the theme of the exhibition which is 'light', however this can be interpreted in many ways! Our belief is that everyone is an artist. We welcome entries from people of any background and level of experience, including established professionals, new and emerging talent, enthusiastic amateurs and first-time artists. An opening event is scheduled to take place on Thursday 14 November (6-8pm) with the exhibition running until Friday 20 December.

A winning artist will get the chance to have their own exhibition in our gallery space in 2020. The winner will be selected based on the quality of their work by a panel formed by Arts Centre Washington's community groups and visitors' responses both in venue and on social media. The winner will be announced during our annual Christmas Cabaret on Thursday 19 December 2019.

➤ **Who can apply?**

This opportunity is open to all artists and media, including painting, drawing, sculpture, printmaking, film and photography.

➤ **Dimensions and technical requirements:**

Maximum dimensions for each work are: 120x120cm for 2D work; 100x100cm for 3D work. All 2D works need to be framed and mirror plated where applicable. All 3D works needs to be safely and appropriately attached.

➤ **How to apply?**

Please complete the form below and email it to [selene.dalessandro@sunderlandculture.org.uk](mailto:selene.dalessandro@sunderlandculture.org.uk), including images of each submitted artwork.

➤ **When is the deadline?**

The deadline for consideration is **Wednesday 6 November, 5pm**. We will then review all submissions and contact successful applicants by Friday 8 November. Successful artists will need to drop off their artworks at Arts Centre Washington ready to be installed on Monday 11 November.

➤ **How many works can I submit?**

Up to 3 for consideration for the show. If space is an issue, we can only guarantee a place to your first piece. Please consider this when submitting your work for review.

➤ **When do I need to collect my work?**

After the exhibition, artists will be responsible for the return of their work. Artists can collect their own work from Arts Centre Washington from Monday 23rd December. Please note that we do not have the facilities to store work, and any work which has not been collected after 4 weeks will be disposed of.

**Please note:** Arts Centre Washington will be closed from Wednesday 25 December to Wednesday 1 January included. We will resume normal activity from Thursday 2 January.

➤ **Is there a submission fee?**

Submission is free. Artists chosen for the exhibition will pay a £5 admission fee. If a studio or collective wish to enter several pieces of work from the same place, please email and it may be possible to just pay one hanging fee for the group.

➤ **Are there payments to artists?**

No payments but work may be sold through the show and 30% commission fee will be taken.

➤ **Is there a private view / opening?**

There is a special event on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> of November from 6pm - 8pm. The exhibition will then be up and running until Friday 20 December 2019.

➤ **What are the exhibition opening times?**

The exhibition will be open from Monday to Saturday, 9.30am – 5pm. Occasionally, the show might be open outside of these hours depending on the Art Centre's programme.

➤ **Does the location have disabled access?**

Arts Centre Washington is a fully accessible venue. All public areas have disabled and wheelchair access with adapted toilets. Guide dogs and hearing dogs are always welcome and induction loop facilities are available in most areas for people with impaired hearing.

➤ **Is there free parking?**

Yes – the centre has free parking facilities including three designated blue badge bays and an electric car charging point.



For more information or if you would like to request this form in another format, please contact [selene.dalessandro@sunderlandculture.org.uk](mailto:selene.dalessandro@sunderlandculture.org.uk) or Arts Centre Washington, Biddick Lane, Fatfield, Washington, NE38 8AB - Tel: 0191 561 3455



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