***Artist Development Opportunity for Artists aged***

***16-25 and based in the East Midlands***

Application Deadline: **Sunday 30th January 2022**

Responses sent to Artists: **Tuesday 2nd February 2022**

Development programme timeline: **Monday 7th February - Saturday 2nd April 2022**

***About YAC***

Young Artists Collective, freshly formed in the heart of Derby, are a collective of emerging artists who want to bring young artists from Derbyshire and the East Midlands together and support them in their early arts careers, as well as blossom their creativity collaboratively. As part of Artcore, we strive to create a space of mutual support, critical engagement, open discussions and playfulness.

Together we want to connect and respond to the issues surrounding emerging artists in the industry and provide the support to broaden their skills and artistic practice in a fun and experimental way.

***About the Development Opportunity & Residency***

We have an exciting opportunity for artists to join Artcore’s young professional development programme as part of the artist collective, ***YAC***. This opportunity is aimed at artists aged 16-25, and supports development through skill-sharing, artist talks, collaborative making and mentoring.

Throughout the residency, you will be based in the [Cabin](https://artcoregallery.org.uk/artistresidency/cabin-fever/), a small kiosk in Osnabruck Square, Derby. During this time, you will take part in weekly mentoring and group discussions, skill-shares, CV/Portfolio reviews, and an opportunity for you to present your collaborative project in an exhibition which will open to the public on **11th March 2022**.

Throughout the residency, you will have the opportunity to respond to our current Artcore programme theme for the next few months, which focuses on migratory stories, shared histories, support and care. The residency also takes place during LGBTQ+ History Month, so there will also be opportunities to respond to our program focusing on these themes. This residency requires you to join YAC as a member for a minimum of 3 months.

**What you will receive as part of this opportunity**

* *A* bursary of £100 per artist for production costs and materials
* A research and development budget of £150 for the collective to engage in opportunities e.g artist talks, workshops, skills development and resources
* Gain confidence and skills working collaboratively with a creative peer group.
* Access to support, mentoring, networking and development opportunities.
* Use of a shared studio and exhibition space
* Artists work will be featured and promoted on Artcores website and social media platforms.
* Guidance and support to access further residencies, funding applications and development opportunities
* Support with developing a professional online presence to encourage a sustainable artistic career.

**All artists that submit an application to this open call will be considered for Young Artist Collective.**

Application

***We are open to alternative means of application / submission,*** *e.g. in the body of an email or presented as a video or audio description.*

Please tell us why are you applying to be part of the YAC Artist Development opportunity?

Think about how participating in the residency will support your artistic/ professional development (Max 200 words)

Please provide an outline of your practice

Summarise the ideas that influence and inform your work (Max 200 words)

Please briefly tell us what you hope to contribute to Young Artists Collective (YAC)

Think about how your experience, interest or ideas might shape the project and provide support for other members of the collective (Max 200 words)

Supporting Evidence

A portfolio of work to support your application.

We would also like to see your fantastic work to imagine how great it would look in the Cabin and too see how your skills would feed into the Collective.

**Choose** which of these options you would like to send:

* 3 Images of your work
* Media link
* A link to your website / portfolio

You don’t have to send all of these! Just one option is fine.

How to submit your application

You’re almost there!

Now that you have thoroughly read everything and provided your information, it’s time to send it off.

Include this document titled ‘**Your Name, YAC Application’** in an email to admin@artcoreuk.com along with your supporting materials and Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form.

The email subject title should read **Your Name – YAC Application.**

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If you have any questions or would like more information about the application, please email admin@artcoreuk.com

We look forward to receiving your application!

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