



## **Guidelines and further information**

The Newtown Community & Cultural Centre (NCCC) ([www.newtowncommunity.org.nz](http://www.newtowncommunity.org.nz)) alongside Opportunity Arts (OA) ([www.opportunityarts.org.nz](http://www.opportunityarts.org.nz)) are offering a 3-month artist's residency at the Community Centre in Newtown, Wellington.

NCCC and OA know that art is vital to a healthy and happy society. We've got a spare studio space at the NCCC (corner of Rintoul and Colombo streets), and our mates at OA have lots of know-how about supporting artists – especially those working in the community/social space. We've managed to pull together a little list of various different offerings to make this a pretty awesome wee residency package in the heart of the Newtown community.

The Community Centre is having a building upgrade next year and we are prioritising accessibility in that project. However, currently the studio space that we are offering can only be accessed up a flight of stairs. The stairs have good handrails on both sides. There is no elevator. Please get in touch if you have any questions about accessibility.

We encourage anyone that wants a place to create (any medium, including music/writing/theatre) to apply. We are also open to arts organisations wanting office space to continue their mahi to also apply.

While we welcome applications from solo practitioners who are wanting to focus on their own practice, priority will be given to artists who have a strong interest in community development, public art, socially engaged work and/or Community Arts\* practices. The selection committee also will look favourability on folks that are emerging in their careers.

We welcome people with no formal training in the arts and we welcome people from diverse backgrounds and with unique needs. If you have any questions, or find filling out forms challenging – get in touch and we can support you in this application our contact information is on the bottom of this document.

We don't want anyone to be discouraged from applying - so if you have an idea, have at us!

### **The residency includes:**

- 3 months of free studio rental, including power & internet. Please note – due to the nature of the building, this studio may not be suitable for all practises (i.e. some sculpture, loud music). It is in a shared building – shared with venues such as our theatre and dance hall spaces, and other offices. Please note, the studio is up a flight of stairs so is unfortunately is not accessible for all people.
- Use of printer/scanner
- Marketing and promotional support through our networks/channels
- Support for sourcing for funding/grants/opportunities
- A materials stipend of \$200
- A one-year free membership to the Newtown Tool Library
- Introductions/access to various organisations/networks of both Opportunity Arts/Newtown Community & Cultural Centre
- Mentoring and advice on community development, project management, community arts practices - a great opportunity for an artist wanting to get involved in this area

- We hope to find further artistic opportunities around Newtown for the artists, depending on their skills and what opportunities arise in the community
- Support in sourcing exhibition space

**The recipient will be expected to:**

- Be present and working onsite for an average of 10 hours per week over the course of the residency.
- To share their story and updates in various media channels.
- Adhere to the health and safety limitations of our space.
- Gift something to the Newtown community – this could be artwork for our newsletter, public workshops, a public art piece (additional funding can be sourced for this to be completed), an artwork for the new NCCC centre (due to open 2021 [www.newtowncommunity.org.nz/ourtownnewtown.html](http://www.newtowncommunity.org.nz/ourtownnewtown.html)) –please give us an idea of what you might like to offer the community.
- Abide by our health and safety guidelines for using the space – these will be provided to the successful applicant.
  - An important consideration is that the space we are offering is not well-ventilated. We therefore ask that you do not utilise products inside the studio that emit fumes or can be harmful to inhale, i.e. varnishes, resins, spray-paint etc.

**Important Dates:**

- 13<sup>th</sup> December Applications open
- 20<sup>th</sup> December – 13<sup>th</sup> January Newtown Community Centre closed.
- 31<sup>st</sup> January applications close
- 3<sup>rd</sup> February selected applicant is notified. Unsuccessful applicants are informed.
- 4<sup>th</sup> February selected applicant can move in and start residency (we'd like this to occur as close as possible to this date but are aware this is a quick turnaround)
- 30<sup>th</sup> April residency concludes

**Artist Selection:**

- Unsuccessful artists will be notified of the outcome of their application by email on the 3rd February.
- The selected artist will also be announced on both the NCCC and OA Facebook pages.
- The selection panel's decision is final.

**Definitions:**

We-Can (Wellington Community Arts Network) defines Community arts as:

\*Community Arts are creative activities that bring people together in their communities. Community Arts works to nurture the potential that exists in all communities to be creative and to find a voice to express themselves through and using the arts. Community art has a unique power to reach people; it has a meaningful impact on our lives and helps us express our cultural identity, tell our stories and make connections" "Community Arts promotes participation, regardless of existing level, skill, talent or ability to access the arts. It works to nurture the potential that exists in all communities to be creative and find a voice." "Community art is often used as a tool for stimulating dialogue, for documenting community narratives and for encouraging self-empowerment."

**Image of Room and Centre:**

We are happy for you to come and look at the space in person if you want to check if it would be appropriate for your mahi! The room is up a flight of stairs. The room will come with one storage cabinet and one desk – you will need to source any other furnishings you require. It measures approximately 3.80m x 3.80m. Please note that we close for the summer break on 20<sup>th</sup> December and don't re-open until 13<sup>th</sup> January. You will need to arrange a time with the coordinators by emailing [info@newtowncommunity.org.nz](mailto:info@newtowncommunity.org.nz) / calling 04 389 4786.





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