**Submissions open: Thursday 5 September 2024**

**Deadline: midnight Thursday 31 October 2024**

**Interviews for shortlisted applicants: Thursday 21 November 2024**

**Staffordshire St** is looking for proposals from curators, collectives, artists, makers and performers to exhibit in our project space as part of **Staffordshire St**’s 2025 programme.

We want to support artists at all stages of their career. We will select one proposal through the **Open Call 2025** submissions process to deliver a 4 week exhibition and two related events in our gallery space during March/April 2025.

We are looking for exhibitions that will engage with our audiences both in the artistic and local community. We highly encourage a cross-disciplinary approach through collaboration with partners to run events alongside the exhibition to deepen engagement. Our regular public programme includes workshops, film nights, panel discussions, supper clubs, scratch nights, music and more.

We want to exhibit a wide variety of projects and we will be looking for submissions that put forward strong discursive concepts and demonstrate quality as well as capability to execute the proposal. We particularly welcome proposals from people from underrepresented or non-traditional art backgrounds so that we can platform ideas from a range of voices.

Staffordshire St is a Community Interest Company based in Peckham, South East London. We aim to develop the programme with an artist-led approach to build a platform where innovative ideas can be discussed and emerging voices are heard, to reach a wider audience and build communities. Staffordshire St is not-for-profit and all income is invested into developing our programme. You can find out more about our past programming [here](https://www.staffordshirest.com/archive).

Proposals will be reviewed and shortlisted by the Staffordshire St team and two external judges.

The Main Gallery has white walls, wooden floor boards, a 3.4m high ceiling and 1500 sqft of floor space. Built in 1833 as a Methodist Chapel, the venue still retains some of its original features of large paned windows on the facade of the building and the six pillars that frame the space.

If you would like to visit the gallery space please see our website for our current exhibition programme and opening times for each show.

We will be holding an online application session via Google Meet for anyone who has questions about the application process. It will take place on **Thursday 10th October 1 - 2pm**. Register [here](https://buytickets.at/staffordshirestcic/1382968)

**What we offer:**

For selected proposals, we will provide access to our 1500 sqft gallery space and support throughout the process including:

* Six development meetings throughout the year including curatorial advice and mentoring
* Technical support for install and de-install
* Invigilation during our opening times
* Photographic documentation
* Promotion and publicising via our newsletter, socials, and the art press as well as physical flyering
* Facilitation of conversations with possible collaborators in our network
* Support to deliver two events alongside the show (talk, workshop, demonstration etc)
* Feedback on funding applications

We are a not-for-profit Community Interest Company and rely on public grants. As such, we are not able to guarantee financial support beyond the package listed above. We will be available throughout the show run-up and duration to discuss, support, advise and facilitate.

**Accessibility:**

Our **Accessibility Rider** for the venue and our processes is available [**here**](https://www.staffordshirest.com/_files/ugd/f49f4a_bffd40cdff354c00aa18cff6f3c74bdb.pdf). If you are interested in the opportunity but face challenges in applying please get in touch to let us know how we can make it more accessible to you.

If you have questions regarding the application please contact [info@staffordshirest.com](mailto:info@staffordshirest.com).

*Please be aware we are a small team and all our staff work part-time Wednesday to Friday but we aim to get back to you as soon as possible.*

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Please submit a mandatory Equal Opportunities Form [here](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc3RFPHq-QR-Y0UCKqGloiCo3xh26ry0pYjvHEjWnJGBo4bTw/viewform?usp=sf_link) alongside your application.The information you provide here is anonymous and will not be considered alongside your application.

Sign up to our [newsletter](http://eepurl.com/hXph4v) for more information on upcoming opportunities and events.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

*There are several ways to apply:*

* *Completing a Google Form. Proposal questions can be downloaded* [*from our website*](https://www.staffordshirest.com/opencall25) *in advance to draft Google Form responses.*
* *Submitting a PDF, please use the proposal questions doc and export as a PDF, or create your own PDF.*
* *Submitting a video or audio recording. Audio or video files should be no longer than 5 minutes, and submitted as .mp3, .wav, .mp4 or .mov file types.*
* *Please make sure audio, visual or PDF proposals answer all the questions.*

To submit via Google Form:

**Please follow the link** [**here**](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfd0TfsHMfT0zVhE3_jiQErpzY2qET91UX3Ey8lq3-xuFqUwA/viewform?usp=sf_link) **to submit your application**

You will be asked to submit a series of questions via Google Form. The questions are available to download **here**.

To submit via PDF, video or audio:

**Please follow the link** [**here**](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScFso-IQm-AuvWPy-Gn5eYsP2F0E8KZqyuhaW6X3OOByPJcVw/viewform?usp=sf_link) **to submit your application**

You will be asked to submit a shorter Google Form with the information section and then attach your pdf or video link.

The questions are available to download here. You can use this template to draft your answers and export as a pdf or create your own.