Artist in Residence
IOU Hebden Bridge Hostel
Length of Residency: 2 x 4-6 months each
Start Date: End January 2024

Do you want to be part of an exciting IOU opportunity?

IOU is seeking artists from all disciplines to take up a live-in artist residency at IOU’s Hebden Bridge Hostel.

The residency is rent and bill free at the IOU Hebden Bridge Hostel and is an opportunity for artists to: develop your practice and/or a project idea; create an art project in response to time spent at the hostel with IOU; and support the hostel with 12 hours paid work a week, including time on call and support with events.

This opportunity is open to artists from all backgrounds, who are expected to present their work/ideas (finished or in progress) either at the IOU Hebden Bridge Hostel and/or the IOU Studio & Gallery. The artist in residence will also deliver a creative workshop, to paying participants, demonstrating their practice, at the IOU studio on completion of the residency.

The Organisation

IOU is an arts charity and the North’s leading national Creation Centre of contemporary art, engineering, and technology. Our vision is to inspire and enable artists and participants to be brave and produce original, innovative art and environments with relentless imagination and curiosity to influence, co-design and transform with communities of the future.

Our mission is to support local and national artists and participants to co-produce, original, innovative, high quality artworks with us here in Calderdale. Our purpose is to help talented diverse artists working with interdisciplinary contemporary art, engineering and technology to develop, produce, exhibit and tour their work. Our approach investigates the dynamism
of collaboration and making, combining contemporary art skills and experience with pioneering new technology, engineering expertise and scientific inquiry.

We are totally unique in the North, providing artists and community groups with studio, gallery, workshop space and overnight artist residency accommodation at our IOU Hebden Bridge Hostel with its outdoor gardens and woods. We also provide skills, expertise, equipment and mentoring from experienced professionals and academics working in the sector.

We operate from IOU Studio, Gallery and Workshop at Dean Clough Mills, in Halifax, West Yorkshire and the borough of Calderdale. The Hostel is based in Hebden Bridge Hostel, in the heart of Calderdale.

Our Values

Inventive
We invent new artworks from scratch. We take risks, expand our knowledge, learn from each other and empower others to develop their creative practice. We turn ideas into reality.

Adaptable
We are flexible, able to change direction and adjust what we do to be relevant to our audiences and communities.

Curious
We ignite curiosity and encourage audiences and collaborators to bring their own experiences to our artworks and to co-create with us.

Intersectionality & Inclusivity
We are a company informed by a practical understanding of intersectionality. Intersectionality is an analytical framework for understanding how aspects of a person's social and political identities combine to create different modes of discrimination and privilege. We position ourselves as welcoming and accessible to all.

Young people, change-makers and the next generation
We care about the next generation and their futures. We support young talent without traditional qualifications. We use art of our time to influence the future.

Context
By appointing an Artist in Residence role at the IOU Hebden Bridge Hostel, we feel we are making a contribution to supporting artists at all stages in their careers, whilst giving them space, time, tools and advice to develop their own practice and explore and showcase their work and ideas. We want to offer an opportunity to all types of people to use the facility of IOU Studio, Workshop and Gallery and the IOU Hebden Bridge Hostel, with its extensive gardens and grounds, to create a vibrant community of artists combined with making the region an exciting place to live and visit. IOU specialise in making productions that blend
traditional engineering, sculpture and art together with technologies of the day and are interested in sharing this expertise with artists and community groups.

The Brief
Residency period: End January 2024 to July 2024 & July 2024 to November 2024.

These are two separate residency periods and will be offered to two separate candidates.

IOU is seeking artists of all art forms to take up the live-in residency at IOU’s Hebden Bridge Hostel: this is open to all artists from all backgrounds. The residency includes living rent and bill free at the IOU Hebden Bridge Hostel, for the most part this will be in a manager’s bedroom solely occupied by yourself, however there may be times throughout the residency when you are asked to share with other artists for a short period.

You will create an art project in response to time spent at the hostel with IOU and present this at the end of your residency, along with leading a creative workshop to paying participants demonstrating your practice. As part of this offer you will be supporting the hostel 12 hours paid work a week, including time on call and helping out with events. This role includes supporting the IOU Hebden Bridge Hostel.

The successful artist may simply R&D an idea, or build something new inspired by their time at the hostel. You may produce artwork in any form such as sculpture, music, theatre, digital, painting, dance, writing etc. Or you may simply be a graphic design artist with an interest in marketing who would like to develop content for our website and take part in social media takeovers. You may be inspired by the environment and develop something for the gardens and woods surrounding the hostel or use the large studio space to develop work. We ask that you demonstrate an interest in, and be inspired by, IOU’s interdisciplinary approach of creating original artwork/productions. As part of the residency you will support the day to day running of IOU’s Hebden Bridge Hostel and get involved in any creative events that take place there. We promote this as a creative arts space.

What you get
● 4-6 month residency (this can be flexible/negotiated to suit the right candidate)
● Opportunity to make an artwork and exhibit it
● Opportunity to promote the artwork and your practice through IOU & IOU Hostel Communications
● Rent and bill free accommodation, which includes a double bed and two single beds, desk and ensuite sink, shower and toilet. For the most part this will be in a manager’s bedroom solely occupied by yourself, however there may be times throughout the residency when you are asked to share with other artists for a short period.
● Shared kitchen, communal dining room and laundry facilities with hostel guests.
● On-site parking
● Use of desk space, gardens and woods if required for growing and making in Hebden Bridge
● Use of IOU Studio, Gallery & Workshop in Halifax
● A ceramics studio on site, through prior arrangement
● Pre arrange rehearsal space on site or at IOU
● Pre-bookable space in the IOU studio, gallery or workshop.
● Access to the IOU creative team for support and advice

Fee
● £500 a month fee/stipend (up to a maximum of £2,500 for 5 months), payable monthly based on National Living Wage for the hours worked at the hostel
● A materials budget of £300 towards your artistic project
● Flexible working patterns to accommodate other commitments

What we ask of you
You should be practical, hardworking, organised and not afraid to jump in with any job. You should be friendly, welcoming with excellent customer hospitality skills.

The Artistic Residency
● A presentation of the end of residency project/artwork either at the IOU Hostel or Studio.
● Commitment to deliver a workshops for up to 25 people during the period of the residency
● Adherence to IOU & Hostel policies, procedures and values at all times during the residency period

The Live-In Hostel Assistant
● We require a high level of commitment to the residency and an understanding of its function in the artistic community
● Hostel shifts (totalling 12 hours a week) plus two on call shifts and support with any events
● General housekeeping to help prepare rooms for guests including bedrooms, kitchen, dining room, bathrooms
● General admin: check arrivals on system and answer emails
● Deal with check-ins, customer requests and queries
● Provide a warm welcome to all guests

Criteria
● Open to artists of all media and at all stages of their career
● Open to artists from all diverse backgrounds
● Open to artists based nationally and internationally
● Experience of making work within your creative art medium.
● Ability to work with others as a team in the day to day running of the hostel.
● Customer service experience, as you will be interacting with members of the public.
● Ability to be open and enthusiastic to work in new and varied ways.
● Confidence around using digital technology and social media as online booking systems are used and social media takeovers will be considered.
APPLICATION PROCESS

● Fill out the IOU Diversity Monitoring Form online here.

Email the following to recruitment@ioutheatre.org

● Your current CV
● An application that includes a short statement (max 400 words) on why you are applying for the residency and covers:
  - what it is about this opportunity with IOU that appeals to you
  - any initial ideas you have on what you intend to create as your creative output whilst on the residency
  - how it will benefit you at this point in your career/practice
    ○ A short description of your practice, artform, approach to making. (100 words max).
    ○ A maximum of 8 images of your work and/or a link to your website

If you prefer to apply by other methods due to access requirements please contact lydia.murray@ioutheatre.org

Deadline: Tuesday 31st October 2023 10am to recruitment@ioutheatre.org

Interviews: w/c 20th November 2023

Timeline
29 Sept – 31 Oct Call for submissions
Tues 31 Oct Deadline for submissions (10am)
W/C 20 Oct Interviews with shortlisted artists
January 2024 Inductions
End Jan 2024 Residency period (exact dates to be agreed between selected artist)

Further information
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IOU has a long-standing commitment to diversity in its programming, producing, staffing and community engagement. We actively seek applications from the widest range of applicants.

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