



JOSEPHINE BUTLER COLLEGE: ARTIST IN RESIDENCY OPPORTUNITY 2020

Overview: This residency is a stand-alone position made possible by Josephine Butler College (at Durham University). The residency will start from Tuesday January 7th 2020 and will run for 8 months until Tuesday September 8th 2020. The expectation is that the artist may work the equivalent of 1 to 1.5 days per week, but we are flexible in how this is arranged or spread out across the residency. The theme for the residency is **IDENTITY**. We can provide free accommodation and support with *costs for studio space, artistic materials, and other costs upon agreement around a *business case proposal from the successful candidate. In short, Durham is a great place to live and work and this is a good opportunity for an artist to develop their own creative practice in a wonderful geographic and scholarly environment.

Who do we want? We are inviting applications from artists working in **any discipline** (*previous incumbents have been photographers, abstract artists, sculptors, writers*) who feel they could work creatively within our college community. We would also be receptive to applications from people working in theatre or music as we have a vibrant performing arts scene. We are seeking someone with a collaborative or participative style who can engage with students and staff, and can also link with some of our community partners. We will make available a one bedroom furnished flat within a college accommodation block for the artist in residence. The AiR would be expected to participate in our college life; we operate a mentoring system for our under-graduates, we have scholarly talks, social events and formal dinners. All of these provide inroads and connections with students and staff (and they are hopefully enjoyable and fun too!).

Josephine Butler College: As Durham University's newest college we are a bright, dynamic, and creative place to be. We are named after the 19th Century social reformer, Josephine Butler, who had a profound influence on society's view of women's health and education. We carry through this ethos in much of our work and have a range of student societies and links with local charities that are looking to help people in need in the local community. Our college expanded in 2018 and we hope that you can draw upon the creative potential that these larger numbers can bring, and can help us reflect upon, and celebrate what makes us unique. This is especially timely as from October 2020 a new college will open, and our badge as *the youngest college* may no longer be apt. We hope that you can work with us to embrace and engage with the whole college going forward.

College Spaces: We have an art room, music room, an allotment, a quiet room, and assorted meeting spaces which could all be used by an AiR. We have drama groups, music groups, sports clubs and many societies who could connect with this role too. We also have a range of shared social spaces, a bar with a stage, an events hall, extensive grounds, and a mound that sits at the centre of our site (which explains why our college mascot is a mole!).

Our Offer to You...

Free Accommodation: You will be provided with free accommodation in a self-contained, fully furnished, one bedroom flat here at the college for an 8 month period starting in January 2020. Butler is a fully en-suite, self-catering college. You would also be invited to contribute to our college mentoring system and as such can then have 2 evening meals per week term time, alongside our more formal dinners which happen at least once per month.

Discretionary College Trust Fund Award, Arts Bursaries: There is an option of a *discretionary award from our College Trust Fund, towards which each shortlisted candidate would be invited to make a “business case” at interview stage, e.g. to articulate what the expenditure/outputs would be. We also operate a smaller more flexible arts bursary scheme which can range from £500-£1000 for work happening directly with our students. We would also consider working with a successful candidate in applying for other external grants too.

Support for the Artist in Residence (Space and People): You will have your own office space. We have also sourced a deal for additional studio space at a nearby college (*subject to negotiation around how this is *funded/co-funded*). We also have in place a small arts development group made up of students and staff who will help support your work. A small cohort of our students have also completed an arts management course in 2018, and we have an emerging art-society which exists to help students access the arts and develop their personal creativity. It is therefore hoped that these students will work quite closely with an artist in residence. We also have close links with a local arts charity called RT Projects and they can provide support, guidance, and cups of tea!

Artist Specification and Residency Theme

The Artist: The artist will be someone interested in working within a Higher Education context in a collegiate system. Durham University offers a unique take on this and each college has its own quirks and idiosyncrasies. An ethos of collaborative practice and college-community engagement is uppermost. We are making this offer to established artists/practitioners, as well as recent graduates. This opportunity is open to UK and International Artists.

Theme and Project Outcomes: The theme is IDENTITY. How this is realised is open to interpretation. The material outcomes of the residency are flexible, but may take the form of temporary or permanent artworks/installations/productions/recordings created with input from students, staff, and the local community. We would like the end of the residency to culminate in an exhibition or event, where the artist could showcase the work produced.

Applicants must demonstrate:

- * Creativity, originality and professionalism in their work.
- * The ability and desire to work inclusively and collaboratively with our college community (as part of their creative practice).

- * A willingness to immerse themselves in the life and culture of the college (e.g. formal dinners, mentoring, and scholarly events).
- * A willingness to work alongside students, staff and community partners in the development and delivery of this work.
- * In the event of manufacture/installation of artworks by the artist/participants, the artist must demonstrate current and appropriate indemnity insurance.
- * Willingness to work between 7-10 hours per week with us.
- * Full Enhanced DBS clearance may be required as some students are under 18.

How to apply

Application Documents: We require examples of your work and a covering letter as follows:

1. Your portfolio: Please provide up to a maximum of 10 pieces. Provide the title, theme, medium, date, and budget for each sample.

2. Covering letter: This should respond to:

- What your vision for the residency is, including aspects such as: your concept, response to our theme, and activities you plan to undertake to develop the work.
- How you will engage with our students, staff and the local community?
- How the residency will develop your own work and why is it important to you at this stage of your career.
- A breakdown of how you would structure your time and any call on college funds.
- Two referees who can vouch for your character and artistic skills.

Application process: Our recruitment process will be student-led. We have a small but energetic arts development group who have experience of artist recruitment. They will shortlist and make recommendations to our College Principal before candidates are then invited to interview. We can also support anyone who would like to visit the college in advance of submitting an application or arrange Skype or virtual tour if need be.

Closing date: Friday 4th October 2019 at 1pm

Interviews: Week commencing 21st October or 4th November 2019

How to apply: Please address all correspondence to: Andrew.tinkler@durham.ac.uk

Web-links:

Josephine Butler College: <https://www.dur.ac.uk/butler.college/>

Durham University: <https://www.dur.ac.uk> This is Durham: <http://www.thisisdurham.com/>

Helix Arts: <https://www.helixarts.com/> RT Projects: <https://rtprojects.org.uk/>

Art Society Durham University: <https://www.dur.ac.uk/dialogue/signposts/students/?id=26900&itemno=26900>