

# GARAGE

Art Gallery and Project Space

## Working with Garage Gallery

### About us

We are a non-profit private exhibition space in Walthamstow, London E17. You can find out more about us, how we started and what we're currently doing, on the Garage Gallery [website](#).

### Showing at Garage Gallery

We're open to ideas but the criteria below set out our preferences and reflect what we've seen work best in the space. We refer to 'show(s)', but this could be any kind of event suitable for the space; it's been used to film a performance, to show films, host workshops and meetings.

- Groups of artists (a minimum of three people), either co-curating or with one curator within the group.
- Shows which are cause-related or exploring a particular theme.
- Artists with a connection to East London.
- We're open to artists with different perspectives and artworks which reflect their values and opinions.
- We welcome people who have had few, or no, shows before, and those with more experience perhaps working in a group with others who are less experienced.
- We want to make an asset from our small, private space; exhibitors should be willing and able to use the space creatively, bring it to life and respond to its location.
- We welcome all kinds of work, not just hung work - sculpture, sound, film, and larger installations could all work well.

### What we'll do

- Provide the space free of charge (no rental charge), but we do ask for: a donation of £50 towards our costs (heat, light, cleaning materials, maintenance etc); a small percentage (usually 10%) of sales made. However, these costs are totally negotiable; we would not want them to be a barrier to anyone working with us.
- Make the space available for a show for 3 - 4 days over a weekend, including an evening for a Private View. We could consider two weekends, or a longer period.
- Agree 'Terms and Conditions' with you, specific to your event.
- Work with you to publicise the event using our own growing mailing list, social media and local networks.
- Manage a ticket booking system; we need this because we are a private space and not technically allowed to admit 'the public' to the Gallery, so we ask people to sign up before attending a show. This is a very quick process and does not seem to be a deterrent. Once the Gallery is open we do allow passers-by to come in and we are often visited by local residents and neighbours who have come to know us.

- Be as helpful and accommodating as possible, bearing in mind we both work at other jobs – but we will be flexible and help as much as we can including managing the Private View on the night so that artists are free to talk to guests.

### **What we ask of you**

- Artists are responsible for the following aspects of their show: curation, invigilation (being present the whole time the Gallery is open), setting up & taking down, providing drinks and snacks for the Private View, and leaving the space clean and tidy afterwards.
- Come and visit the space once we've discussed your proposal, to ensure that you can get the most out of the space.
- Work with us to agree operational details including a 'Terms and Conditions' document specific to your show, and a plan for publicity.
- Please bear in mind that this isn't intended to be a commercial space, and that footfall is limited because of the size and limited time-period of the shows. If you do sell works, that's great, but we ask you to manage all aspects of this.

### **Submission**

Hopefully, none of the above has put you off contacting us! Please email us, at [garagegallerye17@gmail.com](mailto:garagegallerye17@gmail.com), and:

- Tell us about you, and your fellow artists; include examples, or links to, your work.
- Tell us about your idea and how it meets our criteria. We're not experts, we're not artists, and we won't judge – we're looking forward to hearing from you.
- Let us know if you have any specific dates in mind, or a particular time after which you'll be ready.

Proposals should be two sides of A4 maximum, plus some examples of work (images or links).

We aim to get back to you within two weeks of receiving your submission, to let you know if we would like to discuss the proposal further. We will then invite you to visit the gallery to discuss next steps.

Finally, if you have any questions then please do email us ([garagegallerye17@gmail.com](mailto:garagegallerye17@gmail.com)).

Hope to hear from you soon!

Jenny and Jim

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