





Spectroscope Artist Residency at East Quay

South West Disabled Artist Gathering

What is this?

We are offering **one deaf, disabled or neurodivergent artist** from South West England a chance to spend time at East Quay to develop creative ideas.


This residency gives you:


-  time to think
-  space to create
-  freedom to experiment
-  support from artists and curators

You do **not** need to make finished work.


17 **Residency Dates**

You will stay at East Quay for **two separate weeks**:


 Monday 12 October – Sunday 18 October 2026

 Monday 9 November – Sunday 15 November 2026

What support is included?

 Artist fee: **£1,500**

 Travel support: **£250**

 Food and living costs: **£250**

You will also receive:

- 🤝 mentoring and feedback
 - 🛠️ support from the East Quay team
 - 💡 creative conversations with Spectroscope curators
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Sharing your work

You can choose to share:

- ideas
- sketches
- experiments
- work in progress

This will take place in a small exhibition at East Quay.



Exhibition dates:

Monday 8 February – Sunday 7 March 2027



Exhibition materials budget: **£600**

About the programme

This residency is part of the **South West Disabled Artist Gathering**.





The programme supports artists to:

- 🎨 reconnect with creativity
 - 🤝 meet other artists
 - 💭 explore new ideas
 - 🚀 make ambitious work
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About East Quay

East Quay is a creative arts space in Watchet, Somerset.

It is close to:







-  the sea
-  countryside
-  walking routes
-  Exmoor and the Quantock Hills

East Quay includes:

-  artist pods
 -  galleries
 -  studio spaces
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Who can apply?

You can apply if you are:





-  a practicing artist
-  aged 21 or over
-  disabled
-  deaf
-  neurodivergent
-  or living with a long term health condition

You must live in:

- Bristol
- Bath & North East Somerset
- North Somerset
- South Gloucestershire
- Gloucestershire
- Wiltshire
- Somerset
- Dorset
- Devon
- Cornwall and Isles of Scilly

 Artists working in any artform can apply.


Important dates

-  Open call launches: Thursday 21 May 2026
 -  Deadline to apply: 5pm Friday 26 June 2026
 -  Shortlisted artists informed: Wednesday 9 July 2026
 -  Online interviews: Friday 17 July 2026
 -  Selected artist announced: 7 September 2026
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How to apply

Applications will be through CuratorSpace.



You can apply:

-  in writing
 -  by BSL video (up to 5 minutes)
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Access support

You can tell us about your access needs when you apply.

Access information:

-  will not affect selection
-  helps us plan support with you

Support can include:

-  BSL interpreters
-  accessible spaces
-  accommodation for a PA or support worker





More access information:

[East Quay Accessibility Information](#)

About Spectroscope

[Spectroscope](#) is a disabled led artist collective creating immersive and multi sensory artwork.

Spectroscope supports artists to:

-  develop ideas
-  experiment
-  collaborate
-  create ambitious new work