

# **SPECTROSCOPE ARTIST RESIDENCY AT EAST QUAY**

## **South West Disabled Artist Gathering**

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### **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.

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### **RESIDENCY DATES**

You will stay at East Quay for two separate weeks:

12 October to 18 October 2026

9 November to 15 November 2026

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## **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:

8 February to 7 March 2027

Exhibition materials budget: £600

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## **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
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## **ABOUT EAST QUAY**

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

It is close to:

- The sea
- Countryside
- Exmoor
- 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
- Deaf
- Disabled
- 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.

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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

Open call launches:

21 May 2026

Deadline to apply:

5pm Friday 26 June 2026

Shortlisted artists informed:

9 July 2026

Online interviews:

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 long
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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

East Quay accessibility information:

<https://www.eastquaywatchet.co.uk/meta/accessibility>

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## **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