

House Work Presents_ The Residency 2026 – Guidelines

Please read all information carefully before completing the application form.

If you have any questions, email us at info@houseworkpresents.com.

The residency welcomes artists from all disciplines - visual arts, performance, writing, sound, and digital media - for a **4 weeks residency in July/August 2026**. We encourage proposals that respond thoughtfully to the residency environment and the surrounding East London context.

Residency Dates

Residency period: July 24th - August 21st (4 weeks).

Check-in/out: Dates will be confirmed with the selected artist.

Applicants are asked to provide preferred dates in the application form. Flexibility is appreciated to help schedule visits, mentorship sessions, and exhibition planning.

About House Work Presents

House Work Presents is an artist-run gallery and residency based in Hackney, East London.

We offer artists **time and space** for experimentation, dialogue, and artistic development.

We established the residency with the aim of offering artists the best possible experience for their practice and development. Our collective interests are wide-ranging, encompassing contemporary practice, art education, the ethics of participation, the formation of DIY culture, and the domestic space as a site of cultural production.

Our domestic project space fosters community and relational approaches, encouraging artists to explore process, collaboration, and new perspectives. The residency culminates in a **solo exhibition** or presentation providing a platform to showcase work and engage with the London creative scene.

For more information, visit:

- Website: houseworkpresents.com
 - Instagram: [@houseworkpresents](https://www.instagram.com/houseworkpresents)
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Residency Programme

Studio & Accommodation:

- Private studio space for the 4 weeks long residency
- Full private accommodation within a 1970's maisonette in the Regents Estate

Mentorship & Professional Support:

- Weekly one-to-one mentorship sessions tailored to the artist's goals
- Support from guest curators, gallerists, and arts professionals
- Opportunities for professional networking and critical feedback

Solo Exhibition:

- Final solo exhibition supported by House Work Presents
- In the case of sales, 65% of revenue goes to the artist and 35% supports exhibition costs
- Unsold work remains the property of the artist

Professional development package:

Publication, artist bio, CV support, artist catalog

Equipment & Production Support:

- £200 budget for materials and production costs
- Access to shared tools and resources as required

Visa & Administrative Support:

- Guidance and documentation for international artists
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Selection Criteria

Applications will be reviewed based on:

- Quality, originality, and commitment of the work
 - Focus on the potential for the residency to benefit the artist's practice and development
 - Willingness to engage with community and collaborative practices
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Application Requirements

Applicants must provide:

- Three supporting files (images, video, text, or documentation)
- 150-word statement on how the residency will benefit your practice
- Link to website or Instagram
- All applications must be submitted in English

Application Fee: £20 (non-refundable). As an independent, artist-run, self-funded organization, we understand that this fee may be a barrier. If the cost presents a financial difficulty, please contact us at info@houseworkpresents.com and we will review your case for support with the application cost.

Please note that your application will be reviewed only after payment has been successfully completed. Applications submitted without payment will not be considered.

Deadline: 1 March 2026 at 23:59 (GMT)

Shortlist Announcement: Mid March 2026

Upload Requirements

Image Upload Requirements

- Accepted formats: **JPG** or **PNG**
 - Minimum resolution: **800px** on either the height or width
 - Maximum file size: **2MB**
 - Colour mode: **RGB**
 - Images must be **high quality, well lit**, and provide a **clear representation** of your work.
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Video Upload Requirements

- Please upload a **link** directly.
 - This can be **moving-image work** or **video documentation** , **MP3** or **web work**.
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Audio Upload Requirements

- Accepted format: **MP3** only
 - Maximum length: **2 minutes**
 - Maximum file size: **10MB**
 - Audio under 2 minutes may be an **excerpt** of a longer work.
 - If it is an excerpt, please **indicate this** in your submission.
 - If shortlisted, you may be asked to provide the **full-length audio**.
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Costs & Funding

The residency is **free of charge**, but artists are responsible for:

- Travel to and from London
- Food and personal expenses
- Any additional production costs beyond the £200 budget

House Work Presents encourages artists to apply for external funding to cover additional project costs. Support letters can be provided.

Practical Information

Check-in/Check-out: Within House Work Presents working hours (Mon–Fri, 10am–5pm).

Accommodation: Private maisonette space including a double bedroom, studio space, kitchen, bathroom, garden. The residency is designed for one artist, but partners, carers, collaborators may apply if they can share accommodation and work collaboratively. Please email us first to confirm feasibility.

Equipment & Workshops:

- Basic tools and technical support
- Materials, such as consumables are the responsibility of the artist
- Additional specific technical assistance and requirements to be discussed with the selected artist

Documentation: House Work Presents documents exhibitions and work-in-progress. Artists may arrange additional documentation if they wish.

Expectations & Community

Artists are expected to:

- Be self-directed and proactive in their practice
- Respect the environment and nature of the residency
- Engage with mentorship and feedback opportunities
- Participate in the solo exhibition/presentation preparation and documentation

The residency is organized **by artists, for artists**, offering space, time, and support for experimentation, research, and production.

Thank you for reading the guidelines!

We look forward to receiving your applications.

For more information or specific questions: **info@houseworkpresents.com**
