Eastside Emerging Curator Award 2027



Village Arts Centre
Eastside Gallery
30years: 1997-2027

Thank you for your interest in applying for this award.

In 2027, the Village Arts Centre marks its 30th year of supporting creative development. As part of this milestone, we are pleased to introduce the Emerging Curator Award.

The Award

This opportunity supports new and emerging curators to develop their curatorial practice through the development and delivery of an exhibition. Applicants are invited to propose a four-week group exhibition at Eastside Gallery for Nov/Dec 2027. One proposal will be selected, with the successful curator receiving mentoring and professional support throughout the development and delivery of the exhibition, as well as a curatorial fee of $2,000.

Eligibility

Open to curators, artists, writers, students and other creative practitioners living in Christchurch or Banks Peninsula who will remain resident in the area between March and December 2027.

What the Award Offers

With one-to-one mentoring and practical support from Eastside's Curator, the Emerging Curator Award winner will:

- Develop and deliver a group exhibition for Eastside Gallery
- Liaise with all artists involved
- Support artists with exhibition and artist statements
- Contribute to media and publicity
- Assist with the installation and deinstallation of the exhibition
- Assist with the opening event

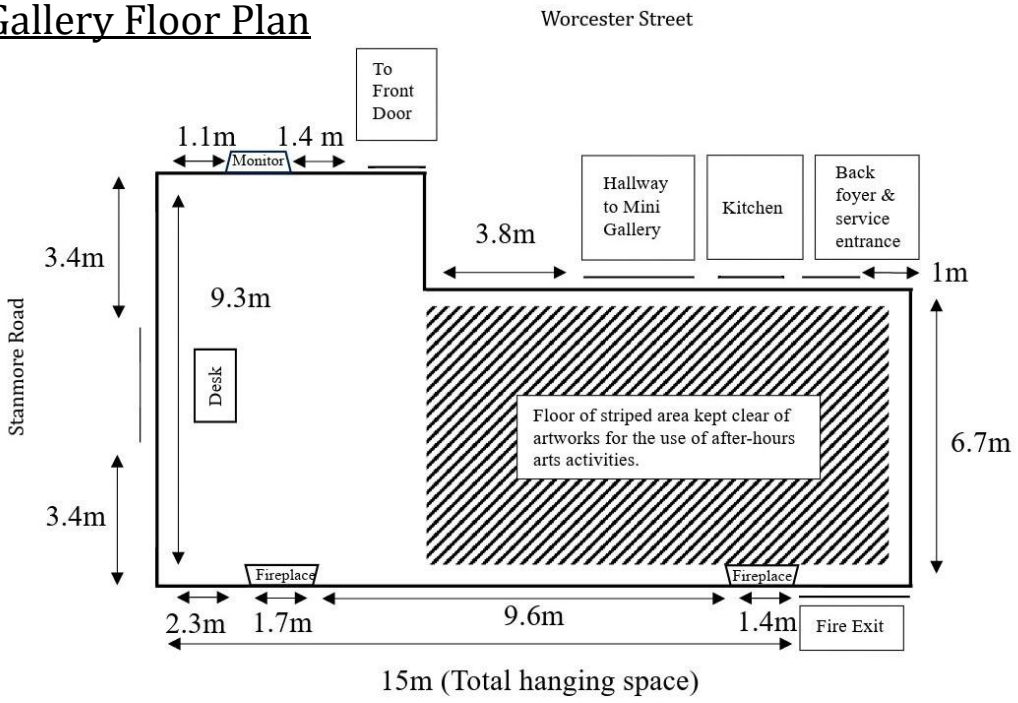
Vital Dates and Details

- **Entries Close:** 31 January 2027
- **Winner announced:** First week of March 2027

- **Exhibition Dates:** 16 November – 11 December 2027*
- **Judging Panel:** Dr Jo Burzynska, Community Arts Advisor, Christchurch City Council; Dr Liz Boldt, Director, Village Arts Centre; and a representative from Te Whare Roimata Trust.
- The recipient will receive a curatorial fee of $2,000, paid in instalments ($500 at the commencement of the project, $500 at the agreed mid-point of the project, and $1,000 within one week of exhibition installation)
- Works must technically be able to survive the duration of the exhibition and be suitable for presentation in a group show at Eastside Gallery
- Proposed exhibitions may include any artistic discipline that can be presented at Eastside Gallery
- As our first priority is artist development, it is optional whether artworks are for sale or not
- We are especially keen on proposals that engage with Christchurch's inner city east, and all exhibiting artists must reside in Canterbury
- There is a maximum weight of 15kg for wall works
- The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into

*Exhibition dates to be confirmed. Any changes will be clearly communicated.

Gallery Floor Plan



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Instagram: village.arts.eastside.gallery **Facebook:** Village Arts and Eastside Gallery
Location: Linwood Village, 388 Worcester St, Christchurch, free parking onsite
Open: Wednesday-Thursday 11am-5pm, Friday-Saturday 10am-5pm
The Village Community Arts Centre is a project of Te Whare Roimata Trust.

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Entry Form

- Applicant's Name:
- Home Address (include suburb):
- Phone:
- Email:
- Website and/or social media accounts showcasing your work (optional):

How to enter: Please email the information below to **info@villageartscentre.org.nz**:

1. **CV**
   Include any relevant artistic, educational or curatorial experience.

2. **Concept Proposal** (max. 700 words)
   Outline your exhibition concept, including the central idea or theme, the artists or types of artists you would like to include (if known), or whether you intend the exhibition to be developed through an open call. Briefly discuss how you would use the Eastside Gallery space and note any special technical requirements needed to support your concept. Supporting images and video submissions are welcome.

   Applicants should review the gallery diagram included in this form, which indicates areas that must remain clear. As a guide only, a typical exhibition at Eastside Gallery includes around 20 wall-based works, up to six sculptural works, and a moving image work.

3. **Submit the last page of this form**
   You'll receive confirmation that your application has been received.

Declaration

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read the entry and eligibility requirements and agree to abide by them.

Signature: Date: