

RICEFIELD VISUAL ARTS RESIDENCY OPPORTUNITY

Three-Month Residency: September 1st – November 27th 2009

Deadline for applications: Monday 29th June 2009

Ricefield aims to:

- Contribute to the diversity of Scotland's arts by promoting Chinese arts and culture to as wide an audience as possible, encouraging multiracial understanding and breaking down the barriers of perception.
- Act as a platform for visual artists, craftspeople, curators, musicians, performing artists and writers of Chinese descent on which to practice, develop, promote and exhibit their work.
- Challenge, inform and add to contemporary Scottish arts by introducing works created in a different culture, of a different aesthetic.
- Engage with the Chinese communities in Scotland, encouraging participation in the arts through providing the opportunity to celebrate and explore their cultural identity.

Ricefield is committed to equal opportunities. We recognise that artists of Chinese descent are underrepresented in the UK. We are committed to addressing this by creating and nurturing opportunities for visual artists of Chinese descent to practice and promote their work. The residency scheme is covered by Sections 35, 37 and 38 of the Race Relations Act (1976) as amended.

Visual Arts Residency

This three-month residency creates an exciting new opportunity for an artist to focus on the development and experimentation of their own practice & ideas, and to create new work.

After the residency there will be a final exhibition in Ricefield where new work created during the period will be shown.

The artist will have sole responsibility for all artistic elements of the residency and final exhibition.

During the three months, the artist will be required to take part in a minimum of 8 hours' outreach work to make their work more available to the public. Arrangements for the nature of this outreach will be tailored to the artist's own practice and needs, and assistance from Ricefield staff and volunteers can be guaranteed.

Facilities, resources and professional development opportunities offered with the residency will include:

- Sole use of Ricefield's gallery as workspace between 1st September and 27th November 2009. The artist will have the opportunity to make use of Ricefield's window to exhibit work in progress throughout the residency.
- Mentoring
- Networking and contact opportunities with key individuals, arts & cultural organisations and Chinese communities in the UK and with Ricefield's contacts abroad.
- Curatorial support for the final exhibition and promotion and organisation of private view.
- Opportunity to have input into arts development at Ricefield

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- Access to the Glasgow School of Art library
- Membership to SPIN: Glasgow

There will be a resident's fee of £5000. We regret that accommodation cannot be provided, but assistance in finding accommodation will be offered.

A materials allowance of £750 will also be given.

Application Process

To qualify, an applicant must

- be able to demonstrate that he/she has been engaged in full practice for a minimum of three years/or recently graduated from higher education/completed professional education.
- be a national of the UK or another EU country
- be of minority ethnic background, preferably of Chinese descent

You must submit:

- A copy of your CV with full contact details
- A written proposal outlining your current practice, and interest in & plans for the residency
- A brief statement on how you hope to develop throughout the residency
- Jpeg images may be sent on CD.

(Ricefield will not return proposals or related materials, so please do not submit original artwork.)

Selection Process

- Deadline for applications is Monday 29th June 2009
- Short-listing meeting will be held July 2009
- Interviews will be held in July 2009
- Selection will be made July/August 2009

Applicants will be short-listed by a selection panel, made up of Ricefield and the Scottish Arts Council staff, according to how well they fit the following criteria:

- Artistic standard and quality of the submitted work
- Level of innovation and originality in research ideas
- Level of benefit the residency will have to the artist's career
- Awareness of and commitment to equal opportunities policy and practice

Completed applications should be marked 'Residency' and be sent by post to:

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For more information please contact: Lorna Mansley (Project Coordinator) / lorna@ricefield.org.uk



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