

THE DEPARTMENT STORE *Studios*



RESIDENCY AT THE DEPARTMENT STORE STUDIOS

The Department Store Studios is a new local workspace, launching in spring 2021 as a platform for business in Brixton.

Offering beautifully designed private studios and flexible workspaces, with access to fully serviced social and meeting areas, The Studios will also be home to a neighbourhood bar, restaurant and screening room.

As a natural addition to The Department Store community, The Studios will help businesses succeed by offering a programme of events curated to share skills, inspire creativity and expand local networks. With this in mind we have created The Studios Residency, offering free workspace to two young Lambeth entrepreneurs each year for a 12-month residency with access to a host of amenities to start and grow their creative idea.

If you or someone you know would like to apply, please read below for how to send us your submission.

THE STUDIOS RESIDENCY INCLUDES:

- Free 12-month desk membership
- Access to meeting rooms, breakout spaces, fully stocked kitchens and outside terraces
- Access to event spaces and screening room
- Superfast WiFi and printing facilities
- Secure bike storage and showers
- Access to creative, wellbeing and skill sharing programmes at The Department Store Studios
- Mentors from The Department Store to support you in growing your idea

ELIGIBILITY:

- Aged between 18 and 30
- Resident of Lambeth
- A committed plan to start or grow a fledgling business or social initiative
- Willingness to be an active part of a community of small and growing businesses

FIRST STAGE SUBMISSION:

- Deadline Friday 5 February
- Maximum 250-word outline of your idea with supporting images if relevant and what you hope to achieve in the 12-month residency
- Submission to be supplied as a single A4 pdf, max file size 2MB, hand written applications can also be made on two sides of A4 paper
- Website or Instagram links to you and your business if available
- Full name and postcode (within Lambeth)
- Email address where we can contact you
- Submissions should be emailed to residency@thedepartmentstore.com or posted to The Studios Residency, The Department Store, 248 Ferndale Road, London SW9 8FR
- Interviews for shortlisted candidates will take place either physically in Brixton or digitally on the afternoon of Wednesday 10 March. Please keep this date clear. We'll let shortlisted candidates know by Friday 26 February.

We welcome submissions from everyone in our community. Race, colour, ethnic origin, gender identity, marital/civil partnership status, disability, sexual orientation, religious or political beliefs, class or background will have no bearing on applications. The Department Store Studios is fully disabled compliant.

SECOND STAGE SUBMISSION:

The Department Store Studios will select 5 of the strongest submissions based on the proposed idea, clarity of content and positive attitude to being part of The Studios community.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an interview on 10 March to present their idea to a panel of five judges.

Following the interview process, the judges will agree on two candidates who will be offered a year-long Residency, starting at the launch of The Studios in spring 2021. Proof of address will be required, as well as two character referees who would be happy to be contacted by phone.

Selected candidates will be profiled on The Department Store Studios social media and in local press, as part of the promotion of their proposal and The Studios Residency, unless specifically requested not to.

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