

# THE DEPARTMENT STORE

*Studios*



## THE STUDIOS RESIDENCY 2026

The Department Store Studios is a local workspace that launched in 2021 as a platform for business in Brixton, offering flexible workspaces and fully serviced social spaces, as well as a neighbourhood café and screening room.

As a natural addition to The Department Store community, The Studios helps businesses succeed by offering a programme of events curated to share skills, inspire creativity and expand local networks. With this in mind, we 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
- WiFi and printing facilities
- Secure bike storage and showers
- Access to creative, wellbeing and skill sharing programmes at The Department Store
- Mentors from The Department Store to support you in growing your idea
- Free membership to Upstairs at The Department Store

## 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: Thursday 12 March 2026
- 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. Handwritten 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@thedepartmentstorestudios.com](mailto:residency@thedepartmentstorestudios.com) or posted to The Studios Residency, The Department Store Studios, 19 Bellefields Road, London SW9 9UH.
- Interviews for shortlisted candidates will take place at The Department Store Studios on the morning of Thursday 9 April 2026. Please keep this date clear. We'll let shortlisted candidates know by Wednesday 25 March 2026.

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 a shortlist 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 Thursday 9 April 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 Studios in April 2026. 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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