Next Us - Internship Opportunity with

SPACE TO DREAM GALLERY

Gallery & Projects Assistant: 1 x Paid Internship
6 months
16 hours per week

Pay: £14.80 per hour (London Living Wage)

Hours: 16 hours per week, (4h on Saturday morning 9:30 -13:30)

Location:
Space To Dream Gallery
Unit 33
Granville Arcade
Brixton Village
Coldharbour Lane
SW9 8PR

Start date: 11th January 2027

Criteria: Aged 18-24, Lambeth-based.

ABOUT SPACE TO DREAM GALLERY

Space to Dream Gallery is a small Community Interest Company (CIC) that opened one year ago in Brixton Village. We are the UK's first permanent children's art gallery, creating ambitious, accessible opportunities for children to encounter and express themselves through visual art. Our work is rooted in the belief that children are not simply recipients of art education: they are artists, thinkers and makers with their own perspectives, questions and visual languages.

Our location in Brixton is important to us. We want high-quality visual arts experiences to be part of children's everyday lives, not something reserved for those who already have access to cultural institutions or specialist education.
You can find out more about Space to Dream Gallery and our small team here or there.

ABOUT THE INTERNSHIP

Space to Dream Gallery is seeking an energetic and creative intern for a six-month placement via the Next Us program. Working closely with our small team, you will gain hands-on experience across all aspects of gallery operations, studio classes, and community outreach programs while developing key practical and professional skills. Throughout your placement, you will build foundational expertise across four core areas: workshop delivery, digital communications, exhibition curation, and arts administration, gaining direct insight into how a small, children-focused arts organisation operates day-to-day.

1. Workshop Facilitation & Creative Delivery

- Learn how to design, prepare, and co-deliver creative sessions within a gallery and across local school/community outreach settings.
- Develop a pedagogical approach for supporting children in classes, holiday programs, and hands-on workshops.
- Gain insight into creating welcoming, inclusive, and child-led creative environments.

2. Digital Communications & Marketing

- Build a portfolio of digital content by documenting classes, workshops, and exhibitions using photography, video, and notes.
- Learn to manage and schedule social media channels to engage a community audience.
- Gain practical experience promoting events, workshops, and exhibitions using Wix for website updates.

3. Exhibition Curation & Gallery Operations

- Gain experience in exhibition installation and artwork display, featuring creations by young artists aged 5–16.
- Learn the daily logistics, resource preparation, and spatial maintenance of running an active children's arts organisation.

4. Arts Administration & Program Development

- Develop project research skills to help conceptualise new creative initiatives and community programs.
- Work closely alongside the gallery directors, gaining clear insight into how a small, community-focused arts organisation operates day-to-day, using Word, Excel, and email.

WHAT WE OFFER / YOUR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Throughout your six-month placement, we are committed to supporting your growth and helping you build a strong foundation for your career in the arts. Your development plan includes:

- **1:1 Mentoring & Guidance:** Regular 1:1 sessions with gallery directors to reflect on your progress and set personal career goals.
- **Ongoing Feedback:** Structured weekly check-ins to discuss project updates, share feedback, and troubleshoot challenges.
- **Skill Development:** Hands-on support to build key professional, organisational, and workshop-delivery skills.
- **Creative Exploration:** Freedom and encouragement to explore your own creative interests within the space.
- **Next Steps & Networking:** Signposting to further training, future employment, creative opportunities, and connections across our local arts network.

WHO WE ARE LOOKING FOR

Prior experience in the arts is not required; we are far more interested in your enthusiasm, curiosity, and potential. We are looking for candidates who are:

- **Enthusiastic Communicators:** Warm, approachable, and confident in building positive relationships with children,parents, and community partners.
- **Organised & Reliable:** Able to manage your time, take ownership of tasks, and work towards deadlines within a small gallery environment.
- **Adaptable & Hands-on:** Excited to dive into a wide variety of day-to-day activities in a creative space.
- **Collaborative & Supportive:** Enjoy working alongside others and are ready to help colleagues, guest artists, and workshop participants.
- **Passionate About Youth & Community:** Genuinely enjoy working with children and are inspired by how creativity can bring people of all ages together.

  You don't need to tick every single box to apply. If you are willing to learn and are passionate about youth arts, we would love to hear from you.

HOW TO APPLY

We would love to hear from people who are interested in developing their skills and gaining experience in the community arts sector.

Please note that a DBS check is required for this role. Space to Dream Gallery will cover the costs.

Criteria:

18 - 24 years - Lambeth Resident

Please send your application to info@spacetodreamgallery.org with a CV and cover letter, or a video introduction.

Application deadline: 4th December 2026. All applicants will hear back from us by 11th December. If successful, interviews will be on the 16th and 17th Dec.

If you have any questions ahead of the application deadline, please contact us, Morgane and Fran info@spacetodreamgallery.org