Cuckoo Farm Studios Ltd is an artist run organisation formed in 1992, in converted farm buildings on the northern outskirts of the historic town of Colchester. Cuckoo Farm Studios is a significant local and regional creative centre, which values the artistic process. Cuckoo Farm Studios is a creative community of artists, studios holders and associates working across many creative disciplines. Tenants and Associates will have the opportunity to interact with their peers, participate in collaborative projects and exhibitions, as well as to pursue their own creative practice and development.

Cuckoo Farm Studio’s primary purpose is to provide affordable studio space for artists and craftspeople. The purpose of the space is to provide a conducive working environment that gives the opportunity for interaction between studio holders, associates and other creatives within the artistic community that will facilitate professional development and afford an enrichment of the cultural life of the region.

**Types of Membership**

**Artist Tenant**:

As a tenant of Cuckoo Farm Studios you will:

* Key access to the site and your individual studio.
* Participate in Cuckoo Farm Studios events and exhibitions
* Access to project space, workshop space, equipment and grounds.
* Included in Colchester and Tendering Open Studios.

Please note that in return tenants must contribute 40 hours annually (this is referred to as the tenant assist scheme) to the day to day running, maintenance and management of Cuckoo Farm Studios Ltd. This is a mandatory requirement. You will participate in the AGM and tenant meetings and be able to vote and effect the future direction of Cuckoo Farm Studios.

**Artists Associate** (£50 per year)

As a Cuckoo Farm Studios artist associate, you will receive a wide range of benefits and opportunities, including:

* Opportunities to participate in Cuckoo Farm Studios events and exhibitions,
* Access to resources including project space, workshop space, equipment and grounds at a discounted rate.
* You will also be able to participate in Colchester and Tendering Open Studios at a discounted rate.

In effect you will get a lot of the benefits of being a tenant without having a studio space. Associates can join the studio waiting list at any time. Application to become an Artist Associate is by selection and is assessed in the same way as a full tenant application.

**Application criteria:**

* An active commitment to their practice.
* Clear intentions and ambitions for the future development and direction of their work.
* An engagement with contemporary practice.
* How work space at Cuckoo Farm Studios will benefit their practice.
* That they will contribute to the studio Intellectually and/or socially.
* Contribute to public events such as open studios; or the studios’ programme of education or community activities.
* That they will contribute to the day-to-day running or management of the studios.
* A desire to be part of a community of artists.

Studios will be allocated in order of acceptance, to suit the requirements of the applicant where possible.

**Application Process**

Arrange a visit to the studios with the applications coordinator (Tenant Artist applications only)

Including 6 good quality images of current work

Artist CV (focused on artistic achievements, experience and education)

Artist statement

Reference

Email the completed application form to: members@cuckoofarmstudios.org.uk

Applications will be presented to the committee and assessed as soon as possible.

We will not consider hardcopy applications.

**Application type (please tick)**

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| **Tenant** |  |
| **Associate** |  |

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| **Name:** |  |
| **Email address:** |  |
| **Telephone Number:** |  |

**Why are you interested in being a part of Cuckoo Farm Studios?**

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**Artist Statement:**

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**Artist CV:**

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**Details of Images:**

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 \*Images must be JPEGs

Name of referee:

Reference guidelines:

Statement of the applicant’s personal qualities.

How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

In your experience is the applicant entirely committed to their artistic practice? Please provide examples.

Can you provide examples of the applicant contributing positively to a team or group project?

Please ask referee to forward reference to: members@cuckoofarmstudios.org.uk

Signed:  ………………………………………………………                 Date: ……………………………………