

You have opted in to take part in Open Studios 2026

Please remember to pay your fees by the 15th November 2025

Please pay into:

North Yorkshire Open Studios

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With your name as a reference

NORTH YORKSHIRE OPEN STUDIOS ARTIST ANNUAL AGREEMENT (2026 EVENT)

NYOS Mission

North Yorkshire Open Studios showcases and celebrates the county's excellence in the visual arts, supporting artists to access opportunities and enhance audiences' depth of experience of the visual arts through this annual event.

ARTISTS, PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

Acceptance of these terms of agreement

By paying the fee detailed herein you are accepting these terms of agreement. For 2026, the annual fee is £160 and the reduced fee is £80.

NYOS lifetime membership

The following is only applicable to artists who have applied to take part in the NYOS summer event from 2022 onwards.

Artists who apply for NYOS, pay the annual fee and take part in the summer NYOS event in the same year their application is accepted, will not have to reapply in future years and will become permanent* members of NYOS.

Thereafter, these artists can opt to pay the annual fee each year to be an *exhibiting* artist and participate in the spring exhibition and summer and winter (optional) NYOS events, or pay 50% of the fee for the year to be a *non-exhibiting artist*. Paying the reduced fee allows artists to still be showcased as a NYOS artist on the NYOS website and opt to participate in the spring exhibition and/or winter NYOS event**.

****Artists who do not participate in the summer NYOS event in the same year as their application is accepted do not qualify for permanent membership and will need to reapply for NYOS.***

Artists can opt to take up to 3 consecutive years out from the NYOS events without having to reapply; there is no fee for this. If an artist does not participate in the summer NYOS event in the 4th year, they will have to reapply.

*****non-exhibiting artists will not be able to participate in the summer event and will not be featured in any other NYOS marketing material, such as the summer event brochure.***

Emerging Artists

Emerging artists who are accepted for the NYOS summer event and who participate in the event in the same year as their application is accepted are NYOS members for only 2 years. Emerging artists pay the reduced fee, but can participate in all events. Thereafter, these artists will be **required to reapply** as established artists and pay the applicable annual fee.

NYOS Fees

Please note the fees stated within this agreement are payable annually. Artists who do not pay their fees cannot participate in any of the NYOS events or exhibitions.

The NYOS fees may be subject to change and will be advised to artists each year via this Agreement.

Non-exhibiting artists can take part in events during the year, but will not be included in the brochure or summer events. The reduced fee is payable, to be a non-exhibiting member. Members can be a non-exhibiting artist for a maximum of 3 years, but need to take part in the full summer weekends in year 4 or reapply to part of NYOS.

All artists need to resubmit their info during the September call out (this helps us keep your info correct and up to date)

ARTIST ANNUAL AGREEMENT FOR NORTH YORKSHIRE OPEN STUDIOS 2025/6

THE ARTIST'S RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Provide accurate information, as requested, including high quality images of your work, for inclusion in the publicity material and to the media. Any amendments to the information provided, such as changes of email details, must be communicated to NYOS as soon as possible.

2. Pay the sum of £160 (£80 if you have applied as an emerging artist), **by 15th November 2025** for inclusion in NYOS2026

All artists undertake to check their information is correct online by

15 December - all website information checked (except studio details if still being arranged)

15 January - all website information checked (including studio details) + no refunds given after this date

This is the information that will be printed in the brochure You will be sent an email to check the information in correct in November/December.

3. Open, operate and be present at your studio at all times: 10am to 5pm on Saturday 6th June, Sunday 7th June, Saturday 13th June and Sunday 14th June 2026. (As visitors travel large distances to visit artists it is essential you are open for all days and must not close your studio at any time during the published opening times - please ensure you have cover in place to enable you to take breaks). **You must be open both weekends and there is no leeway in this. Our viewers often travel large distances to see the open studios.**

Optional winter open studio on November the 7th & 8th November 2026 (11am to 4pm) to be agreed on signing up.(you may have an alternative address but this must be provided on sign up)

4. Present the work in your studio in an attractive and accessible manner with interpretation information displayed where possible.

5. Comply with health and safety requirements, including carrying out a risk assessment of your studio / workspace, and access to it.

6. Arrange your own public liability insurance for the duration of NYOS. Any public liability issues are the responsibility of the artist, not of NYOS. **By paying your fee you are agreeing** you have the necessary public liability insurance in place.

7. Attend 2 NYOS meetings

These are compulsory as they are essential to ensure you receive all the important information about the event and fully understand your obligations in making the event a success. NYOS actively encourages artists to network and collaborate to support the promotion of the event, so these meetings are also essential to building your network. You will be able to choose your venue and this this will be the one that will be yours for all communications.

The venues are :

Skipton

Knaresborough

Helmsly/ Pickering

Whitby

York

The first meeting is:

The week of 13 November 2025 – meet and greet and welcome new members. This is a good time to introduce yourself to other artists and offer support to new artists. (You may feel you know all you need to, but this is also for supporting other artists and getting updates on changes for the year ahead.)

The week of 25 March 2026 – at the second meeting you will be provided with all the print material you require. This is also an opportunity to share tips and hints on working as a team. (Dates for these meetings will be confirmed by your region coordinators.)

Artists who do not attend the events without a valid reason will not automatically be included in the next open studios and will have to reapply and go through the application process. This may result in you not being selected.

8. Artists are expected to be proactive and to generate publicity in their local areas e.g. contacting local press, radio, parish newsletters and distributing publicity materials and information to local venues such as cafes, hotels, galleries etc. This is to complement the open studios marketing which covers all areas and artists.

In addition to the marketing materials provided by NYOS, artists are permitted to create their own additional marketing materials – these must use the official NYOS logo and promote the NYOS event as well as your work and that of other artists local to you, (if you have decided to collaborate with other artists). All these can be found in the **artists information** area on the website.

9. Keep accurate records of visitor numbers during the event and all sales secured as a result of NYOS 2026* and submit this information when requested by NYOS, following the event.

All information provided will be treated as confidential and will only be used as generic information for the purposes of documenting the outputs of the NYOS event.

*NYOS rely on artist honesty and the declaration of all sales that resulted from the artist participating in the NYOS event, including sales secured after the event weekends but which were a direct result of visitors becoming aware of your work via the NYOS event.

10. Act in a professional manner at all times in dealing with the public and with other participating artists and represent NYOS in a positive manner, helping to build strong relationships with audiences online and at the studios.

11. **Pay 10% commission** on all sales secured as a result of the NYOS summer or winter events. The first £300 of sales from each event are commission free. **The commission applies to both the summer and winter open studios.**

Friends of NYOS get 10% discount, and this is recorded separately with no commission to open studios on friends' sales

All artists are required to take part in the Spring Showcase exhibition to be held at Inspired Gallery in 2026 and this will coincide with the birthday celebrations of the park. You will be sent an application to fill out as soon as applications are finalised and every artist will have one piece displayed in the exhibition. The image you attach for this will be used for marketing purposes and it's a showcase of your open studio. Keep a record of your submitted work with prices, titles and size.

We will have other open studio events to promote your work when we can.

Commission payment to be made to NYOS by 30th July 2025 for summer and 30th November 2025 for winter open studios events.

Failure to fulfil these responsibilities (without good reason) may result in you being excluded from the event in future years and losing your lifetime membership.

NORTH YORKSHIRE OPEN STUDIOS (NYOS) RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Continue to develop NYOS as a high-profile cultural tourism event, which is known regionally, nationally and internationally, increasing opportunities for people to buy contemporary art.

2. NYOS will continue to develop audiences for high quality contemporary visual arts, attract and engage our existing as well as new audiences and stimulate strong levels of interaction with visual arts and the NYOS event, with audiences both online and at the studios.

3. NYOS will include selected artists, with their contact details and a colour image of their work, in a high-quality full colour catalogue. NYOS reserves the right to select the image for the printed publicity materials. It is possible that some individual artists will be featured in other publications and press articles. NYOS will endeavour to ensure that these artists are acknowledged.

4. It is NYOS intention to raise the profile of artists and makers in North Yorkshire through a comprehensive marketing strategy, including: high quality printed publicity, strong online presence, focussed advertising and extensive press coverage throughout the year.

5. NYOS reserves the right to cancel the physical event due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. covid) and instead continue through a high quality, online exhibition. This was very successful in 2020 with artist videos launched throughout the two weekends, receiving thousands of national and global viewers. You can watch these videos on our YouTube channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0Vp6W0xEt3e7ieOQuBX_dg

If cancellation occurs after work has commenced on the brochure artists who do not wish to continue through an online exhibition will be given a partial refund of their fees, fairly calculated on the work already undertaken by our contractors (graphic design, print, PR etc.) at the time of cancellation.