

WEST DEAN ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL 2019

West Dean Arts & Crafts Festival is a three day event, running from 31 May – 2 June 2019 at West Dean College of Arts and Conservation – a thriving college with an international profile. West Dean College, near Chichester in West Sussex, is set in one of the greatest restored gardens open to the public.

The Festival celebrates all elements of creativity, from exhibiting and selling, to demonstrating and teaching while enabling and encouraging participation by visitors. Each year we invite graduates with a socially engaged element to their practice to present participatory work. Our aim is to provide emerging artists with an opportunity to complete work through public engagement, widen the interest and audience for their work, make new contacts and connections. West Dean College is the ideal setting for this. It is a unique place to study, a centre of excellence, creativity and tranquillity underpinned by the vision of founder and Surrealist patron Edward James, connecting today's students and visitors with a rich heritage of arts, craft and creative possibility.

CALL OUT TO EMERGING ARTISTS

- Show your work in West Dean Gardens at its three day Arts and Craft Festival which attracts around 5,000 visitors annually
- Show engaging and interactive work, which could be research-based
- Engage with visitors about your practice throughout the event

Criteria for applicants:

You will have successfully graduated from an arts related degree course within the last five years

Your practice includes social engagement

You can demonstrate continued research and development of your work since graduating evidenced through a website, blog, talks, exhibitions, or other ways.

Criteria for the work:

The work you show will be interactive and engaging, requiring visitors to take part in some way.

Expectations of applications:

Provide information to the public about your practice and the work presented

Provide organisers with requests for information on time such as biography, statement, social media and website addresses, contact information, completed risk assessment form and images to promote you on the West Dean College website and on social media..

Set up on Thursday afternoon, take down Sunday after 6pm.

Attend the work throughout the Festival, 10am – 5pm daily. Volunteers will be available to cover for lunch and refreshment breaks.

WEST DEAN COLLEGE PROVIDES

A small thatched hut situated within the main event in West Dean Gardens in which to present your work

A fee £450 plus £100 materials budget, travel costs, free accommodation on site if required.

Promotion on event website and social media platforms

Number of visitors expected: around 5,000

To apply download the application form [here](#) and send to Festival@westdean.org.uk.

For queries regarding your application please contact Tiffany.Robinson@westdean.org.uk.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS MIDNIGHT SUNDAY 24th FEBRUARY

INTERVIEWS: 5th MARCH 2019