

Art Walk Porty Festival 2025: ART HOUSES Application Form - 6 to 14 September 2025

Applications are now open for this year's Art Walk Porty Festival.

Deadline for the receipt of applications is **16th March 2025, 11pm**

Art Houses are Open: Sats/Suns 6/7 and 13/14 September 2025

Opening times: 10am to 6pm

About the 2025 Festival – 'ShowGround' Celebrating 10 Years!

The Art Walk Porty Festival presents a unique opportunity for practising artists to be part of a thriving event that celebrates the creative community of Portobello & Joppa. It's a chance for creative exchange with other artists and members of the public, as well as for opportunities to sell and promote your own work, set within the context of a larger festival that involves Art in Shops, Public Realm Commissions and related Live Art Events running across the full ten-day period.

Our Art Houses strand, as part of the festival, is a curated programme that shows a range of work and disciplines, with in the region of 30 houses/studios being accepted. As introduced last year, we will section the venues around 4 walking routes. We welcome creative approaches to the exhibiting of work and to artists embracing our 2025 theme of 'ShowGround', which celebrates our tenth year with an emphasis on performance, variety entertainment and play in response to Porty's showground era. For those artists who have taken part across our ten years, we encourage you to think about a retrospective exhibition for your Art House.

Additional New 2025 Features, in celebration of our ten years:

Festival Opening Event & Ten Year Celebration – Thu 4 September, evening of variety entertainment (tbc)

Flowering Porty – Front Gardens Festival encouraging the growing of pollinator rich gardens inspired by themes of seaside retro. Includes window boxes, common greens and community spaces. (Full details available by 14 March)

Selection Process

The selection panel will consist of members of the Art Walk Committee. The panel will consider:

- Strong evidence of artistic practice both in the local context and in a wider art context (exhibitions and development of artwork for other environments). This will be assessed from the evidence provided in the CV.
- A clear, well thought through and coherent approach to your art practice, showing quality, consistency and a professional approach to presentation across the work submitted. This will be assessed through the images of artwork provided.

Prices & Booking:

One weekend £90 | Both weekends £150 | Each additional artist £30 (up to max of 2 artists).

A 10% commission is chargeable to Art Walk Porty on sales over £2000 per venue. By agreeing to be part of the event, you commit to including all sales made at your Art House during the period of the Art Walk in your calculations of the commission due.

We also invite artists to open their studio during the week (8 to 12 Sept) by appointment only.

We will confirm all artist bookings for our curated programme via email by **4 April 2025** with requests for payments made at this same time (to be received no later than **1 May 2025**).

Please send your completed application form along with 5 jpeg images of your recent work and an up to date cv to **rosy@artwalkporty.co.uk**

Please complete using Initial Caps only – NO BLOCK CAPS

YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Name	
Postal address	
Phone/Mobile	
Email	
Website	
Facebook username	@
Instagram username	@

ABOUT YOUR WORK

<p>1/ Artist summary:</p> <p><u>For inclusion in printed programme & website</u></p> <p>Please provide a brief description of the work you will be showing at your Art House, detailing your subject matter or theme and medium of your work.</p> <p>MAXIMUM WORD COUNT 30 WORDS</p>	
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<p>2/ Artist Statement & Bio</p> <p><u>Provide fuller description for inclusion on your website page – used in addition to artist summary above</u></p> <p>Please expand in more detail your current artistic practice with additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe your subject matter, themes, materials used or processes of working • Outline brief biographical details (ie recent exhibitions / education of most relevancy to your planned Art House exhibition) <p>Please write in the third person (ie do not use 'I') and do not repeat the same text you've entered in your Artist Summary (1/ entered above).</p> <p>IN TOTAL NO MORE THAN 150 WORDS</p>	
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ABOUT THE LOCATION OF YOUR ART HOUSE

<p>Address of your 'Art House' including post code</p>	
<p>Is this location? (please tick those that apply)</p> <p>Artists living outwith of Portobello are welcome to apply but do need to source their own location and have this in place at time of applying.</p> <p>To note: Local shop spaces or community run spaces feature as part of our separate Art in Shops strand (with application process taking place during April).</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Your own home</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Your own studio space</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Elsewhere, such as another's house</p>

<p>Please indicate if you are interested in participating in our Front Gardens 'Flowering Party' programme alongside your Art House?</p> <p>This new strand in celebration of our 10th year, invites local people to create a flowering pollinator-friendly front garden or window box visible for the public from the street inspired by the theme of Seaside Retro. Each location will receive a free sign to include in their garden. Free to take part.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Tick here to show your interest (no additional cost)</p> <p>Full details about 'Flowering Party' will be announced by 14 March, with entry process open until 30 April</p>
<p>Does your location have disabled access?</p>	<p>Yes No</p> <p>Please provide details:</p>
<p>Do you plan to share this space with another artist?</p> <p>You can share with a maximum of 2 additional artists.</p>	<p>Yes No</p> <p>If Yes – please list artist name/s:</p> <p>1:</p> <p>2:</p> <p><u>Please note</u> each additional artist will be required to make a separate application, with an additional fee of £30 per booking per artist. Each additional artist will receive their own page at the website, and listing with image on supported printed material.</p>
<p>What best describes the style of display</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Exhibition</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Installation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Studio selling show</p>
<p>Which weekends, or both, do you wish to participate in?</p> <p>Open By Appointment during the week (Mon 8-Fri 12 Sept): Please also indicate if you wish to advertise your studio as being open to the public during the week days by appointment.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> 6 & 7 September - £90.00</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 13 & 14 September - £90.00</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Both weekends - £150.00</p> <p>Opening hours are: Saturdays and Sundays 10am-6pm All artists are expected to be open during these times.</p> <p>Yes No</p>

<p>ADDITIONAL EVENTS:</p> <p>~ Extra Events at your Studio</p> <p>Holding additional events at your Art House can help to attract more visitors to your studio. If you would like to run any additional events please enter the information here.</p> <p>All information about events will need to be finalised by 1 June 2025</p> <p>~ Walking Tours</p> <p>Artist led walking tours were a popular addition to our programme last year which we plan to extend further for 2025. We will provide guidance on leading the walks in advance of the festival.</p> <p>We imagine a walk of no more than 60 minutes involving around 4-6 Art House venues within your own area.</p>	<p>If you are interested in running any other events, please detail below:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Talk</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Demonstration/Workshop</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Performance/Screening</p> <p>Please provide a brief description together with time/date (if known):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I would be interested in leading a walking tour around the Art Houses within my area (please tick if interested, we will discuss this in more detail with you).</p> <p>We imagine one artist from each area, North, South, East, West. Or there could be someone you know to lead the walk. Walks will take place on the mornings of Sat 6, Sun 7, Sat 13, Sun 14 September.</p>
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SUPPORTING MATERIALS – Please ensure you attach these to your email when you submit your application:

1/ IMAGES OF YOUR WORK

Please submit **5 images** that best represent your recent work:

1 of these images will be used for the accompanying printed material

1 image should be an 'artist at work' action or studio shot

All images should be recently taken (over the last 2 years) and be sized to at least 1500 pixels at their widest or highest point. Artists applying who have previously exhibited within our Art Houses strand, should supply new images to those previously provided.

Please save images with your name in file name before sending so we can identify them as your work.

Accepted formats are jpegs only. No tifs, psds or gifs please.

Please attach the images separately, sent as attachments to one email along with your completed application form and cv. **DO NOT** paste images into your completed word document or pdf, or send links to download images hosted elsewhere.

2/ RECENT CV

Please also attach a recent cv to your application as a separate pdf or word document. (no more than 2 pages) that details your education, recent exhibitions, awards & commissions

Please email your completed application form along with your images and cv to rosy@artwalkporty.co.uk by the deadline of Sunday 16th March 2025, 11pm.

Terms for Participating Artists:

In submitting your application you agree to the following terms:

Each participant is responsible for ensuring their details are correct on the application form submitted. Art Walk Party accepts no liability for any errors or omissions in its advertising or promotional material, and reserves the right to exclude, edit or decline any content deemed to be inappropriate.

Jenny Martin will check with all participants final copy before going to print.

All fees must be paid in full by 1st May 2025. Failure to do so will result in your application being withdrawn.

You give approval to paying commission of 10% for sales received over £2,000 obtained in your Art House through the Art Walk Party period.

We will be continuing our Friends Membership Scheme in 2025. This enables members to receive a 10% discount on purchases made at any of the Art Houses. Based on previous years, we don't envisage a high signup of members, though it has proved a good way to encourage sales.

Art Walk Party accepts no liability for damage to, or loss of, work, equipment or other property to or in the care of members or the visiting public or for injuries sustained by members, the visiting public or by any other person at the venue, whether exhibiting at their own venue or that of others.

Participants must ensure that they have in place relevant **public liability insurance**. If you don't already have this in place we recommend artist membership at Artists Information Co - a-n.co.uk - which includes insurance.

Cancellation Guidelines: Should an artist need to cancel for their own reason, cancellation received in writing prior to 15th June will receive a full refund, with any cancellations from 16th June being offered a 50% refund.

Art Walk Party is not responsible for any losses resulting from cancellation of the event, though will seek to reimburse fees wherever possible.

Art Walk Party is produced by Art Walk Projects, community interest company SC525677