

Thank you for your applying for a **Fixed Term Residency membership at designermakers21**

Please do not feel pressured by the questions below: they are designed to help us get to know you better

**Personal information**

Name: Preferred pronouns (*if you would like to specify them*)

Do you have any access requirements that we need to be aware of and that you are happy to share Y/N (*we can discuss this face to face when you visit*)

Address:

Telephone number:

Email address:

What is your Business or Trading name:

Please share any website and social media links where you share your work. (*this is so we can look at examples of your work. If you do not have any please attach some photographs to your application or bring some into designermakers21*)

- Social media links (*e.g. Instagram/facebook*)
- Your website link
- Other online links you would like to share
- Please share any locations where your work is exhibited or for sale
- Any exhibitions you have been involved in
- Anywhere that you teach your craft/art/design
- Please share any locations where your work is exhibited or for sale

Please Describe your work and your practice: *tell us all about what you create, how you make it, we would like to know about your journey as a maker.*

Please share a little more about you as a maker: *What excites you about your work, what are the challenges, where do you see the next stage in your creative journey? What would you consider a huge success?*

We need to know a little about the processes you use that we need to take into considerations when considering a potential studio space? *(for example: do you need access to water or a wet area, does your practice create dust or noise, do you use toxic materials, would you need pourpoints, what kind of equipment would you be likely to bring?)*

### **Accessing the studio**

We are open to the public every Thursday to Saturday 10-5. **We expect all members to attend at least 2 of these days most weeks, including Saturdays.** How often would you intend to use the studio. Do you have any other employment or commitments that will affect your studio hours? (This includes teaching or specialist markets and events)

## What is a 3 MONTH FTR member at designermakers21?

designermakersCIO mission is to support and promote the value of heritage & contemporary crafts, artists and designers; our FTR studios provide opportunities for you to develop creativity and build creative careers. designermakers21 is open to the public from 10-5pm every Thursday, Friday & Saturday. We love what we do. We have successfully offered Guest memberships (FTRs) over a number of years: they have studio space and are thriving & developing within our varied creative community. It is a great way to develop your creative network, to learn & grow within a creative community

### Fixed term residencies (FTR):

We offer you

- **Your own low-rent studio space, providing you with a simply furnished space to exhibit and to create within a creative community'**
- **Your 3-month FTR period** will be in our SHARED studio upstairs at the front of the building. TWO makers share this space.
  - **Our Shared studios are charged currently at £100pcm per maker.**
  - There is currently NO solo studio available for FTRs. If you would like to rent both spaces at the same time, please get in touch with Elaine before applying.
  - You will also pay 20% commission (plus payment fees of 2% on all CC sales of your work)
- **Secure studio access 7 days a week;** FTR members can use their spaces to work any day across the week, to display and sell their work and to learn from other practitioners in the building
- **informal support from our FTR Mentor**
- **Promotion in our newsletter, website and on our social media**
- **Time to grow your practise in a supportive and interested community, building your audience.**
- **The opportunity to join with our designermakers21 events**

### What we expect from you

These are a closed opportunity with a time limited to 3 months but a great way to gain all the experience of working in a collaboration of artists, designers and makers. We operate as an open studio Thursday-Saturday where the public and customers can visit the building and the makers to discuss process, commission work and make purchases. It is a really positive way to develop a customer base and find ways to market yourself as an artist or artisan maker

- you would be expected to attend 2-3 days a week that we are open: Thursday, Friday and Saturday
- you will be expected to provide your own materials, designermakers21 does not provide materials for members
- you would be expected to make on site and engage with visitors talking about your practice, your process and demonstrating what you make
- we are open from 10-5 and expect you to be present for the full hours all days that you are in
- Provide a range of high-quality pieces of work that are ready for display when the FTR sections of the main galleries are up dated
- Share our Social Media posts, those featuring your own work AND those featuring other makers work and our exhibitions, events and workshops
- Elaine is your point of contact: please use time with her effectively, please share Elaine any concerns of feedback
- you will need to sign and meet our code of conduct agreement
- you must leave the studio and the furniture, clean and tidy at the end of the 3-month residency. Please make good the walls and take away all your belongings
- YOU MUST Have your own PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE (PLI). This is available from several places for around £40 a year. (a-n.co.uk Artist Newsletter provides good PLI cover when you subscribe, at a very reasonable price. [https://www.a-n.co.uk/join\\_in/article/663847](https://www.a-n.co.uk/join_in/article/663847) but there are other providers too)

Visit us in person, talk to our FTR mentor Elaine, or visit our website to find out more

Contact email: [fr@designermakerscio.org.uk](mailto:fr@designermakerscio.org.uk)

## Why become an FTR at designermakers21?

designermakersCIO are a Charity Incorporated organisation: we “aim to promote, improve and advance education in and appreciation of the arts...through the facilitation and management of workshops and training courses in different design and craft skills, for people living in East Anglia and beyond, with the aim of engaging them in creative activities as a medium for learning”.(our mission):

We are proud of our community and our vision. We are interested in why you have decided to apply for one of our Fixed Term Residencies. Please share your thought on the following

- What do you know about us
- how would you work with and contribute to the designermakers21 community.
- We are looking for skill and innovation in the application of ideas, use of materials and quality in terms of the finished product. How would you demonstrate this?
- how do you think we can help you achieve your commercial and craft / artistic / design aims.

Please attach at least four, low resolution, JPGS of recent, relevant work with your application

We recommend saving your images so the file size of each is less that 2mb. And dpi resolution of 2-300.

All images should be labelled in this format: **your name\_ title of piece\_materials\_price.**

For example **Humpleby\_1\_orlando\_ceramic\_1100**

**Please send your images together with you completed application at the same time**

Please email your application to [fttr@designermakerscio.org.uk](mailto:fttr@designermakerscio.org.uk) or give directly to the studio – 21 St Nicholas Street, Diss, Norfolk IP22 4LB.

We will reply promptly but will need time look at your work

Thank you for applying