



The Refinery ArtSpace

Gallery Hours: Mon-Fri 10am to 5pm, Sat 11am - 2pm

3 Halifax St, Nelson

PROPOSAL GUIDE

Arts Council Nelson [ACN] is now inviting proposals for exhibitions and events to present an interesting and stimulating creative program at The Refinery ArtSpace from July 1st 2019 to June 27th 2020.

The closing date for proposals is 30 March 2019.

Completed proposal may be:

- emailed to refineryartspace@gmail.com
- mailed to Refinery ArtSpace, PO Box 566, Nelson 7040
- or
- dropped off to the Refinery ArtSpace, 3 Halifax St, Nelson.

**All submitters will be advised on the outcome on their proposal by 10 April 2019.
Successful applicants will be advised regarding their exhibition dates by 3rd May 2019 at the latest.**

Preamble

The Refinery ArtSpace program aims to respond to the Arts Council Nelson mission

'To promote, initiate and support projects and activities that stimulate and strengthen the artistic and cultural life of our communities.'

The Refinery ArtSpace welcomes proposals from individuals and groups from all creative fields locally and nationally including:

- Community arts and cultural groups;
- Experienced, new and emerging practitioners, including students and recent graduates;
- Proposals from other national galleries with a similar focus;
- Curatorial practitioners and curatorial programmes, locally and nationally;

NOTE: All exhibitions must be a minimum of three weeks duration.

The Refinery ArtSpace aims to:

- Facilitate a varied, engaging, diverse and stimulating exhibitions and events program;
- Provide space for a diversity of themes, genres and media;

- Allow for an experimental space to engage with conceptual work, installations, performances and curatorial development;
- Include practitioners from our region and outside our community to strengthen artistic discourse and development;
- Provide mentorship, advice and technical support;
- Nurture future artistic generations.

Galleries available at the Refinery ArtSpace

The Refinery ArtSpace comprises of two distinct gallery areas. Proposals are welcome for either, and possibly for both spaces.

As part of the selection process the panel will consider the appropriateness of space allocation for proposals and may consult with submitters regarding options that may enable a proposal to be included in the Refinery ArtSpace programme.

Gallery 1

- Dimensions: Floor approximately 9m x 4.3m. Height 2.4m, please check the gallery floor plan on our website.
- This gallery is ideally suited for solo and small group exhibitions, and smaller installations/multi media work.
- The weekly gallery hire fee for this area is \$80 (including GST*).

Gallery 2

- Dimensions: Floor 10.4m x 11.6m. Height [clear] 3.5m. Wall space includes partitioned concrete walls with an approximate width of 2.6m.
- There are three mobile display units, each 3.66m long, 2.55m height [from floor] and 0.64m deep. Two of these units can be removed from the gallery space. These units can be used to divide the area in a variety of ways to suit the need of the users.
- This gallery better suits groups, large format works/installations, multi media work and curatorial practices.
- The weekly gallery hire fee for this space is \$200 (including GST*).

**Gallery hire fees are subject to the scheduled programme, however the weekly gallery hire fees are an indication of costs to be expected when proposing.*

Included in the hire fee for our galleries are – with prior agreement between the parties:

- Planning, curatorial and technical support
- Promotional support
- Staffed reception and personal sales support (Mon-Sat) with Eftpos
- Stage lights, soundsystem and projector (for hire)
- Use of a variety of tools, ladders etc.
- Use of a variety of plinths
- Wine and juice glasses and jugs
- 50 stackable chairs
- Free parking with wheelchair access

Please note that for installations requiring complicated and/or extensive technical input, an additional fee may be charged by agreement between the parties.

If your project requires funding assistance, the Nelson Creative Community schemes may be able to help. There are two funding rounds a year, March and August. More details can be found via <http://www.acn.org.nz/funding.html>

Proposals - Guidelines

Proposals will be considered by the Refinery ArtSpace Program Selection Panel, which is appointed by Arts Council Nelson.

In recognition of the demand on space availability and the aspiration for the programme, the Refinery ArtSpace does not guarantee that all proposals received will be included in the program. Proposals may be declined for a variety of reasons, and are not necessarily a reflection of the quality of the project.

Assessment criteria

In making a decision the Refinery ArtSpace Program Selection Panel will take into consideration the following assessment criteria:

- whether the proposal helps to enrich and/or nurture our local creative community;
- whether the proposal will engage and expand audiences, and enriches creative response and critical discourse;
- the quality/philosophy of the ideas that underpin the proposal;
- whether the proposal is unique and has a fresh approach, i.e. proposed work not recently exhibited within the Nelson and Tasman region;
- whether the proposal has considered response from the public and implemented mechanisms to ensure appropriate ‘safe guards’;
- whether the proposal is achievable and likely to be realized;
- whether the proposal has adequate resources to ensure successful development or is likely to secure resources and can be considered on a ‘subject to funding’ basis. [Arts Council Nelson staff may be able to assist with the latter].

Submitting a proposal

When submitting a proposal please use the Refinery ArtSpace proposal form which outlines the format of your submission. Any enquiries prior to submitting your proposal can be made to Ann Braunsteiner, the Refinery ArtSpace manager via email to refineryartspace@gmail.com

We encourage you to view past exhibitions/events via:

https://www.instagram.com/the_refineryartspace/?hl=en and our blog/archive at <http://www.acn.org.nz/blog>

You may find it useful to refer to ‘Proposal Writing Tips’ prior to any enquiries and submitting a proposal, which can be found on our website, <http://www.acn.org.nz/the-refinery-artspace.html>

