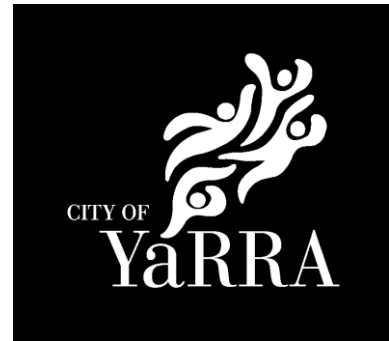


# Room to Create Artist in Residence Program

Individuals, Partnerships and Collectives  
Expression of interest



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The City of Yarra is inviting artists and creatives to submit an Expression of Interest for one of two residency opportunities: at the Florence Peel Community Centre Meeting Room in Fitzroy, and the North Carlton Children's Centre.

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## Background

Yarra City Council is seeking Expressions of Interest for the Artist in Residence program, at the Florence Peel Centre– Meeting Room 1, Fitzroy and North Carlton Children's Centre, community buildings managed by the City of Yarra.

Individual artists, partnerships or collectives can nominate one of the two available spaces. Successful applicants will receive exclusive use of the space rent free for a 12 month period from mid February 2023 – mid March 2024.

This residency is part of Yarra City Council's **Room to Create**, a program that encompasses a range of free or subsidised spaces that help keep the arts in Yarra. As the City continues to change, presenting challenges to creatives, arts and cultural organisations, Council is providing support to keep Yarra a vibrant, creative centre for the arts through several Council-owned spaces, making it easier for creatives to have access to spaces. A list of previous and current artists in residence can be found at <https://arts.yarracity.vic.gov.au/arts-programs/room-to-create/room-to-create-artists>

## Brief for Artists

We are seeking Expressions of Interests that support Council's vision of encouraging community engagement and creative use of City of Yarra venues.

This callout is open to creative practitioners who will use the space to develop work and provide a public program or outcome during their residency for the Yarra community. We encourage practitioners to consider aspects of the site and location when developing a proposal for a public outcome either during the residency or on its completion.

Applicants can only apply for one of the available spaces, Florence Peel Meeting Room or Carlton North Children's Centre.

Applications close **11.59pm Tuesday 17 January 2023**

## [Site Descriptions and Information](#)

- FLORENCE PEEL CENTRE MEETING ROOM 1

Florence Peel Centre Meeting Room is located at 190 Young Street, Fitzroy. The room is approximately 14.5m<sup>2</sup>, is carpeted with chairs and tables. The space is part of a community facility used regularly by community organisations including Blak Pearl Creative Studio. There is access to a shared bathroom, toilet and kitchen and would best suit an individual practitioner for writing or creating work more suited to an office environment. The successful applicant will have access to the space for 24hrs. The building is adjacent to the Fitzroy Town Hall on Napier Street and can be easily accessed by Public Transport from Brunswick Street.

The successful applicant is eligible to apply for Yarra's Small Project Grant in support of the proposed public outcome/program.

**The studio is to be strictly used as a working space only and cannot be used as accommodation. If the artist(s) in residence are found to be using the space for accommodation the agreement will be terminated.**

**It is strongly advised you book in for a site visit before applying. Please book a spot here:**

<https://events.humanitix.com/room-to-create-site-visit-florence-peel>

**or contact [Rafaella.mcdonald@yarracity.vic.gov.au](mailto:Rafaella.mcdonald@yarracity.vic.gov.au)**

- NORTH CARLTON CHILDREN'S CENTRE- LEVEL 1

The space is located at **Level 1**, 481 Canning St, North Carlton and is connected to the **North Carlton Children's Centre** on Richardson St, North Carlton. The space is accessed by staircase and is not wheelchair accessible. Access to the site is via 481 Canning St, which is separate and secure. The space has two carpeted rooms, a bathroom and a toilet. It can be accessed 24 hours, seven days a week. The Children's Centre hours of operation are 7.45am – 6.15pm. The site can be easily accessed by public transport on the 96 tram along Nicholson Street, the 250/251 bus routes along Rathdowne Street or by the bike path along Canning St.

The successful applicant is eligible to apply for Yarra's Small Project Grant in support of the proposed public outcome/program.

**The studio is to be strictly used as a working space only and cannot be used as accommodation. If the artist(s) in residence are found to be using the space for accommodation the agreement will be terminated.**

**It is strongly advised you book in for a site visit before applying:**

<https://events.humanitix.com/room-to-create-residencies-site-visit-north-carlton-childrens-centre>

**Please register your interest by booking at the above link or contacting [rafaella.mcdonald@yarracity.vic.gov.au](mailto:rafaella.mcdonald@yarracity.vic.gov.au)**

## Eligibility

- An individual or group applicant who can demonstrate the need of the residency in support of the development of their creative practice;
- Applicants who propose a public outcome or program during or at the conclusion of their residency for the Yarra community;
- Applicants who have already participated in the Room to Create Artist-in- Residency program are ineligible to apply;
- Applicants who are currently studying are ineligible to apply.

## Important note:

Due to the building's connection and proximity to community groups, the successful applicant must have a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC) and a current Police Check.

A WWCC can be applied for as a volunteer at no cost. A Police Check (Volunteer for an authorised organisation) should be organised by the successful applicant upon receiving a formal offer from Yarra Council. This will incur a small fee that will be reimbursed to the successful applicant. To apply for or renew a WWCC, go to:

<http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/applications/apply+for+a+check/apply+in+victoria>

*As this is a Council property, the site may need to be accessed for building and maintenance related issues from time to time. Where possible, Council will notify the artist in advance.*

## How to Apply

Applications can be made online through Council's website, at [cityofyarra.smartygrants.com.au](http://cityofyarra.smartygrants.com.au)

Applications must be received by **11.59pm Tuesday 17 January 2023**.

## What to submit:

- A completed application form via the Smarty Grants portal. The application form will ask the following questions
  - **Please describe your practice**
  - **Why do you need this space? *ie. how will a residency here support the development of your work***
  - **How will you structure your time at the residency? Please indicate how much time you intend to spend at the space.**
  - **Please outline what interests you about the space**
  - **What public outcome do you propose for your residency?**
- Images or links to website or video of previous or proposed works (up to 3 x A4 pages) via the Smarty Grants portal
- A CV (maximum 2 pages) via the Smarty Grants portal
- Any other relevant support material via the Smarty Grants portal

## Assessment Criteria

Individual artists or groups may submit one proposal only as part of the Expression of Interest process. Proposals will be assessed on the following criteria:

- Innovative and/or emerging practice *e.g. an innovative project might mean it is exciting, new, or experimental. Emerging means your practice or project is in its early stages and demonstrates potential and capacity to build;*
- Priority will be given to applicants who demonstrate a need for a space to develop their work;
- Applicants who consider the residency within the context of the location and community;
- Engagement provided to the community by the public program or outcome during or at the completion of the residency; *i.e. an outcome could be an open studio weekend, performance, publication, or other presentation that shows your art to other people;*
- Has the capacity to successfully complete the project. *ie. What skills do you have for your project, can you demonstrate you can commit to using the space regularly.*

## Timelines

**Applications open** Friday 2 December 2022

**Site Visits** Florence Peel Centre - <https://events.humanitix.com/room-to-create-site-visit-florence-peel>

- 12-12:30pm Wednesday 7 December 2022
- 430-5pm Wednesday 14 December 2022
- 430pm-5pm Tuesday 3 January 2023

**Site Visits** North Carlton Children's Centre - <https://events.humanitix.com/room-to-create-residencies-site-visit-north-carlton-childrens-centre>

- 12:30pm -1pm Friday 9 December 2022
- 10am-10:30am Tuesday 13 December 2022
- 430-5pm 4 January 2023

**Applications close** 11.59pm Tuesday 17 January 2023

**Applicants notified** mid February 2023

**Residencies commence** late February 2023

## Further information

Should you wish to discuss your application, please contact Rafaella McDonald, Arts Development Officer, Room to Create on 9205 5232 or [rafaella.mcdonald@yarracity.vic.gov.au](mailto:rafaella.mcdonald@yarracity.vic.gov.au)

Rafaella works Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9.00am – 5.00pm