

SOMERSET ART WEEKS  
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OPEN  
STUDIOS**  
15 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

Now the largest event in Somerset for visual artists and makers, Somerset Open Studios draws Art Weeks back to its roots, focussing on artists in their working environment. Between 15 - 30 September 2018, artists demonstrate how they make their work; their process, practice and inspiration. The event allows a rare opportunity to see inside artists' studios, temporary working spaces and other locations to find out what goes on behind the scenes. Open Studios showcases established names as well as introducing new and emerging artists.

Open Studios visitors can find out first-hand about the creative process through demonstrations, workshops, talks and visits, to educate, inspire and delight. Art appreciators of all ages are welcome at Family Friendly venues and also at a Family Friendly finale weekend on 29th + 30th September, with special events and activities for all.

Artists' Open Studios can be found in unexpected and unusual locations and the event is an ideal opportunity to explore the different and distinct regions of the county and make some surprising discoveries.

The 2018 Open Studios Guide is out now and features nearly 300 artists in 192 venues. Available in Tourist Information Points, Libraries, Museums, Galleries and cultural locations as well as cafes, bookshops and other selected outlets. To receive a copy by post please email [artweeks@somersetartworks.org.uk](mailto:artweeks@somersetartworks.org.uk) or you can browse an online version at [somersetartworks.org.uk](http://somersetartworks.org.uk).

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Somerset Art Works aims to support artists who want to work professionally and are looking to promote their creative businesses across a range of disciplines; Books, Ceramics, Drawing, Film, Furniture, Glass, Jewellery, Metalwork, Mixed Media, Painting, Photography, Pottery, Printmaking, Sculpture, Textiles and Wood. SAW also continues to support emerging talent in Open Studios year with Creative Pathways bursaries and mentoring.

SAW is an artist-led organisation and Somerset's only countywide agency dedicated to developing visual arts, weaving together communities and supporting the artists who enrich our lives, making Somerset a place where people expect to engage with excellent visual art that is surprising and distinctive.

SAW also develops Projects and offers Membership to support practicing artists and arts organisations in Somerset; providing bursaries, developing commissions, supporting collaborative working and creating networking and showcase opportunities, including the diverse annual Art Weeks event.

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About Somerset Art Works (SAW)

Somerset Art Works is part of the Arts Council England's National Portfolio of funded organisations for 2018-2022.

As Somerset's only countywide agency dedicated to developing the visual arts, SAW initiates a wide range of projects in a variety of settings, working in partnership with other arts and non-arts organisations. SAW works to increase public engagement, weaving together communities and raising the profile of the vibrant contemporary visual, digital and applied arts in Somerset. [www.somersetartworks.org.uk](http://www.somersetartworks.org.uk)