

about bow arts

Bow Arts was established as an educational arts charity in 1995 and supports a community of 500 artists with affordable, secure and creative workspaces. Bow Arts currently manages 14 studio sites across east and south-east London.

Bow Arts' education programme works with over 90 schools, offering employment and training opportunities for professional artists. Artists help young people access education, improve their attainment and learn valuable creative skills.

The Nunnery Gallery is a contemporary art space run by Bow Arts. Housed in a 19th century former convent, it is surrounded by Bow Arts studios, opposite Bow Church. The next door Nunnery Café serves fresh coffee, home-made cakes, breakfast and delicious light lunches for visitors. The shop offers limited edition prints and original gifts and homewares from Bow Arts artists.

Find out more at bowarts.org

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183 Bow Road, London E3 2SJ
Mon to Fri, 9am – 5pm

nunnery gallery

181 Bow Road, London E3 2SJ
Tues to Sun, 10am – 4pm

nunnery café & shop

181 Bow Road, London E3 2SJ
Tues to Fri, 8.30am – 4pm
Sat & Sun, 10am – 4pm

find us

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colour theory
pricing & selling artwork
sustainable art practices
marketing
arts education

bow skills

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networking
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2020 event programme

professional career development for artists,
makers, designers and creative thinkers

Bow Skills 2020 event programme

Bow Arts seeks to support artists at all stages of their career. In 2015 Bow Arts launched Bow Skills in response to an artist survey which showed over 90% of practicing artists find it useful to receive further support outside formal education.

Bow Skills is a dynamic and relevant programme of Continuing Professional Development (CPD), informed by an artist steering group and open to all creative practitioners across London. The programme of talks, panel discussions, new skills labs and peer crits is open to all, with concession rates available to Bow Arts artists and students.

Bow Skills: educators' retreat

Thu 20 & Fri 21 Feb, 11am-5pm, FREE

A two-day exploration of arts education, supported by the Paul Hamlyn Foundation Creative workshops, talks and discussions to build an arts education practice.

Bow Skills presents Her Art-Story, with Matt Roberts Arts

Sat 22 Feb, 3-5pm, £7/5

An intimate conversation between artists Cathy Lomax and Cathie Pilkington RA, sharing their creative journeys and providing advice for practicing artists.

Bow SkillsTalk: international working with the British Council

Wed 4 Mar 2020, 6.30-8pm, £10/7

Jenny White, Head of Visual Arts Programme at the British Council, and international artist Elpida Hadzi-Vasileva, discuss opportunities for artists to work abroad.

Bow Skills Peer Crit, with artist & learning curator Sophie Chapman

Thu 26 Mar 2020, 6-8.30pm, £10/3

A chance to present your work, get feedback from peers and join the conversation with special guest Sophie Chapman, established artist and learning curator.

Bow SkillsTalk: Arts Council National Lottery Project Grants

Tue 21 Apr, 6.30-7.30pm, £10/7

Learn about the Arts Council's National Lottery Project Grants and the Developing your Creative Practice (DYCP) fund, with representatives from Arts Council England.

Bow Skills Panel: pricing & selling your work as an artist

Tue 5 May 2020, 6.30-8pm, £10/7

A discussion on pricing and selling your work as an artist with Stephen Tribbel of Own Art, Fiona Atkins of Townhouse Gallery and Sarah Monk of London Art Fair.

Bow Skills Lab: photoshop – the digital darkroom

Wed 13 May 2020, 6.30-8.30pm, £10/7

A practical session on the principles of digital photography editing in Adobe Photoshop for the purposes of producing professional standard images.

Bow Skills Peer Crit, with artist & curator Rosalind Davis

Tue 9 June 2020, 6-8.30pm, £10/3

A chance to present your work, get feedback from peers and join the conversation with special guest Rosalind Davis, established artist and exhibition curator.

Bow Skills Panel: sustainable art practices

Tue 23 June 2020, 6.30-8pm, £10/7

A panel discussion with Julie's Bicycle exploring how artists, makers, designers and creatives can be more environmentally friendly within their art practices.

Bow Skills Lab: website building and SEO basics

Sat 11 July 2020, 12-3pm, £10/7

Learn how to make or improve your website, with the basics of Search Engine Optimization (SEO) to increase visibility, with Monika Gravagno of Facciocose.

Bow Skills Lab: colour theory

Wed 29 July 2020, 6.30-8.30pm, £10/7

A practical colour workshop with Marianne Shillingford, Creative Director of Dulux, exploring how we see, respond and use colour to predict global trends.

Bow SkillsTalk: creating & expanding networks, with Creative Access

Tue 4 Aug 2020, 6.30-8.30pm, £10/7

A session on networking and navigating life as a freelancer in the arts sector, with leading diversity organisation Creative Access.

Bow Skills Peer Crit, with FESPA textile ambassador Debbie McKeegan

Thu 17 Sept 2020, 6-8.30pm, £10/3

A chance to present your work, get feedback from peers and join the conversation with award-winning designer and FESPA Textile Ambassador Debbie McKeegan.

Bow SkillsTalk: a guide to open calls, applications and art opportunities

Tue 20 Oct, 6.30-8pm, £10/7

Caitlin Smith and Conrad Carvalho from Ashurst Emerging Art Prize will discuss art opportunities & applications with Bow Arts' Director of Arts & Events, Sophie Hill.

**For full event details and to book tickets visit bowarts.org/bow-skills
Prices are listed £full price/concession (students and Bow Arts artists)**