

**Collingwood Yards First Nations Studio Residency**

Collingwood Yards' First People's Reference Group is pleased to offer a free creative studio residency for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander artists at Collingwood Yards.

Collingwood Yards' First People's Reference Group (FPRG) have been formed by CY to ensure that our operations, programs and activities are meaningfully engaged with and respectful to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. The FPRG have identified creating a free First Nations residency within our studio complex as a key priority for Collingwood Yards early in our process.

**Collingwood Yards**

Collingwood Yards (CY) is a non-profit which exists to provide affordable spaces for artists and arts organisations to work and thrive in Melbourne. For the last four years, Collingwood Yards has worked to redevelop the former Collingwood Technical School into a new creative community, we are now fully tenanted and have recently opened our doors to the public.

We are proud to be home to a wide diversity of tenants in the arts and creative industries. See a full list of our tenants [here](#).

**Collingwood Yards Studios**

A key part of our creative community is the top floor of our Perry Street building with 17 arts studios; home to working artists, arts organisations, arts collectives and a wide variety of practice. Current studio tenants include, this mob, Aphids, Uncle Jack Charles, Neighborhood House, Room to Create Artists, Creatives of Colour, and many others.

CY Studios are designed to provide collaborative, sustainable, low cost, safe and welcoming spaces for rigorous, exploratory and risk taking artistic practice in the inner city. CY recognises that all artists have different needs and provides a mix of private and open spaces, within a supportive and collaborative creative community.

**The Complex**

Our studios have been created on the top floor of what was once an industrial education building. The studios have been designed by Fieldwork Architects and have an abundance of natural light and ventilation. The spaces are physically and culturally connected to the wider community within and around Collingwood Yards.

There is full lift and level access to the CY Studios (located on Level 2) ensuring that all Studios spaces are wheelchair accessible from both Johnston and Perry Streets.

For detailed information on CY studios - follow the link here.

### **The Residency Space**

The First Nations residency space is Unit 202, located on the north side of our building with windows overlooking our landings and internal courtyards with ample natural light

The space is 18.5m<sup>2</sup> and would comfortably support one or two practicing artists at a time (or more on a time share basis). We will be accepting applications from both individuals and groups of artists for the space (group applications should be made as one application).

The space would support a variety of creative practices; visual arts, painting, sculpture, desk based work. The space would not support loud or noxious work.

Studio visits can be arranged by contacting [ed@collingwoodyards.org](mailto:ed@collingwoodyards.org).

### **Eligibility**

This residency is offered for a term of 24 months, open to one or multiple artists and is available from 23rd August.

The application is only open to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Artists.

### **EOI**

CY acknowledges the fatigue and unpaid labour that EOI processes can entail. We support a diversity of applications and are happy to receive applications through any format (PDF, video, etc) via email [ed@collingwoodyards.org](mailto:ed@collingwoodyards.org), or simple phone call, 0415 527 357.

To answer, via this form, please follow the [link here](#) to answer these questions below:

- Tell us about your practice. (200 words max)
- How will you use the studio space at CAP? (200 words max)
- What potential benefits do you see to co-locating your practice within Collingwood Yards? (200 words max)

This EOI will be open until midnight, Monday, 9th August, 2021.

**Selection Process**

We will endeavour to make a rapid decision on this opportunity. All applications will be considered by the First People's Reference Group. The successful applicant will be directly notified by Collingwood Yards and all applicants are welcome to solicit feedback on their application after the process is complete.