

# Lauderdale House

## Exhibitions Policy

Lauderdale House has two main gallery exhibition spaces - Our Lower Gallery (Ground floor) space and our Upper Gallery (1<sup>st</sup> floor) space, which are reserved for hire in 4-week periods throughout the year. Exhibitions are programmed in to these spaces with a consideration for balance of room use alongside our essential events / private hire diary which forms a vital source of income in order to support the venues continued operation. As such, due to this multi-use nature of the spaces, the galleries should not be considered as a dedicated commercial gallery space, but rather more a space in which work can be displayed to a wide range of ages & backgrounds in a less formal and more accessible way.

The Exhibitions Committee meets up to four times a year and is responsible for discussing and letting all exhibition proposals in further detail.

Exhibitions are selected against a range of criteria:

- Physical suitability for the space (ie. Dimensions, 2D work only)
- Whether the work may be deemed controversial or offensive to the broad range of Lauderdale House visitors
- Whether the exhibition adheres to our policy of equal opportunities
- How many exhibitions the artist has taken part in previously & how that sits within the wider exhibition programme in order to ensure a fair and balanced overall range of experience
- Whether the artist(s) have an existing personal connection to the local area or are bringing a new connection
- Why the artist is choosing to exhibit at Lauderdale House
- Whether the artist has provided all information requested in our Exhibitions Hire pack
- Whether the work stimulates discussion
- Whether the work enhances the venue spaces
- Technical ability
- Overall narrative of the artists exhibition
- Use of medium & how this sits within the overall exhibitions programme
- Whether the show is a solo exhibition or a group show and how that sits with the overall exhibitions programme

## **Courtyard Gallery**

We do also have a third space in our Courtyard (Ground floor) area. The programme of exhibitions in this area are made up primarily of work generated from our internal community projects and a select number of our community partners. Any remaining exhibitions are selected on much of the same criteria as our other gallery spaces, however the key requirement is that they must show an engagement with the local community and fit comfortably within our existing internally generated programme.

All our exhibition programmes are scheduled approximately 6 – 18 months in advance.

Due to the high volume of proposals received by Lauderdale House, highly detailed responses are not always available.