

# Flax Art Studios, Belfast, Northern Ireland

<https://flaxartstudios.org/>



ART STUDIOS

**Duration:** 8 weeks

**Availabilities:** Between Mid/End January and March 2025

## About Flax Art Studios

Flax Art Studios has been established for 35 years in Belfast. As the only studio dedicated to sculptural practice in Northern Ireland, it significantly contributes to the regions' visual art practice through subsidised studio provision and resources. Flax acts as a hub for professional development, international networking, and fostering greater understanding through outreach and engagement.

Flax main headquarters to 29-33 Bedford Street with also a satellite space in North Street in the heart of Belfast city centre. Flax provides studio space for eighty two of the most exciting artists in NI, reaching over 100 artists/creatives through its production and workshop membership programmes. The calibre and skills of its world-renowned artists is something which we celebrate and of which we are proud.

Flax Art Studios has been running an International Residency programme since 1994, and has worked with artists and in exchange with organisations globally. Flax's artists play a key role in the life of the city, the renewal of its cultural scene, and the overall regeneration movement in which the various associated communities are directly involved.

## 1/ FOCUS

Flax Art Studios is based in a city in transition. Colourful, complicated, messy... and magnificent. This is a place with a long and complex history, a tapestry of narratives, and now a new story in the making. Flax is particularly interested in research/art work inspired by the new story of Belfast.

## 2/ PROGRAMME RESOURCES

The residency offers:

- Artist fees of £2100 per month.
- Furnished private accommodation in Belfast.
- Access to a studio in the city centre in Belford Street.
- If necessary, access to the only dedicated sculptural practice facility in Northern

Ireland and a range of subsidised shared resources. 24-hour access to Studio Spaces with sculpture workshop facilities including wood, plaster, casting, digital fabrication, and textile.

- If necessary, access to Flax Art Studios industrial scale workshops – technician support will be provided.
- Administrative, technical, pastoral and curatorial support from Flax Art Studios team.
- Optional opportunity to show works/research in Flax Art Studios project space programme. Access to a project/experimental/shop front exhibition space at North Street satellite studio.
- Community support, facilitation and introductions by Flax Art Studios specific to the particular needs of the visiting artist.
- Opportunity to meet and network with Flax Art Studios international artists, Board Members and team.
- Round trip UK / France and local transports will be covered.

### **3/ ACCESS**

Please note that Flax Art Studios are not fully accessible.