



## **Linkshouse – Orkney Arts Residency**

### **Artist Opportunities 2024 – Individual Self-Funded Residencies Summary Information & Application Details**

#### **Brief Description of Linkshouse**

Linkshouse, (KW17 2LX) is a substantial Edwardian house in the historic village of Palace, Birsay, in the scenic north-west corner of Orkney's Mainland. The property has recently been converted and upgraded to create an accessible residency facility with studio and workshop provision for individual or group use.

In addition to individual ensuite bedrooms, Linkshouse offers a spacious sitting room, a well-appointed kitchen and separate laundry facilities.

Linkshouse welcomes visiting artists and creative practitioners who are looking for time and space to make new work in a unique and inspiring location. We welcome applications from practitioners working in a variety of disciplines, across all artforms, and stages in their careers. We also welcome bookings from small groups.

**Accessibility** All facilities on the ground floor of Linkshouse are fully accessible, including an ensuite bedroom suitable for wheelchair users.

#### **Rents and Bookings**

We are currently inviting individual applications for one week or fortnight self-funded residencies on the following dates. All rooms include ensuite facilities, with access to shared living room, kitchen and optional use of a studio or workshop space.

If you are interested in making a whole house booking for small groups please contact us at [linkshouse@pierartscentre.com](mailto:linkshouse@pierartscentre.com)

#### **Current Availability:**

##### **Entry 4pm on day of arrival – Departure time 10am**

##### **Sunday 21 July- Friday 2 August: four individual rooms available**

Costs: Individual ensuite room, with access to shared living and kitchen space and a studio or workshop **£700 per week** or **£1200 per 12 nights**. Self-catering basis. All bedlinen and towels supplied. Inclusive of utilities.

##### **Saturday 14-Saturday 28 September 2024: 1-2 week residencies two individual rooms available**

**Costs:** Individual ensuite room, with access to shared living and kitchen space and a studio or workshop **£700 per week** or **£1400 per fortnight**. Self-catering basis. All bedlinen and towels supplied. Inclusive of utilities.

##### **Saturday 5 October- Saturday 2 November 2024: four individual rooms available**

**Costs:** Individual ensuite room, with access to shared living and kitchen space and a studio or workshop **£600 per week** or **£1200 per fortnight**. Self-catering basis. All bedlinen and towels supplied. Inclusive of utilities.

## **Workspaces**

Linkshouse contains a purpose-built studio within the house plus two workshops spaces in an adjoining steading. Each ensuite bedroom has a small workstation suitable for research activities using a laptop, sketchbook or other reading materials. Applicants should indicate in their application the nature of the work they intend to undertake and whether a studio is required.

## **Location and transport**

*Linkshouse – Orkney Arts Residency* is located around 13 miles from Stromness and 15 from Kirkwall. The parish of Birsay contains some of Orkney's most interesting historic sites including a Viking settlement on the Brough of Birsay, the Earls Palace and the Birsay Kirk. There are wonderful walks in the area on inland and coastal routes as well as part of the St Magnus Way. The Palace has a well-stocked village shop and other local amenities include the Orkney's only working water mill at Barony and the nearby Barony Hotel.

There is a public bus service Monday to Saturday from Birsay to Kirkwall and Stromness and from there to most other places on the Mainland. The National Cycle Network (Route 1) runs through Birsay offering good connections around the Mainland of Orkney on minor roads.

There is ample parking at Linkshouse for those with a car and hire cars are available locally as well as through Co-wheels, a membership based organisation that has a large pool of cars in Orkney that can be hired by the hour/day/week see <https://www.co-wheels.org.uk/> for details.

## **How to apply**

Please provide the following:

- a statement of your practice (maximum 300 words)
- six to eight digital images of recent artwork
- a current CV
- a statement outlining what you hope to achieve during your stay (maximum 300 words)
- an indication of studio/workspace required
- the names and contact details of two referees

Applications should be emailed to: [linkhouse@pierartscentre.com](mailto:linkhouse@pierartscentre.com)

Successful applicants will be provided with a rental agreement, terms and condition and a payment schedule.