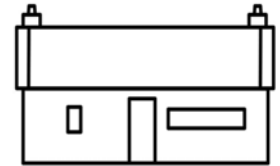




creative live/work residency space

the admirals house, lower ollach, skye



Wasps would like to invite visual artists, makers, designers, writers and performers to apply to stay at The Admirals House in Skye.

The Admiral's House is set in an idyllic location on the east coast of the island. The Admirals House is a former black house donated to Wasps by the family of Vice Admiral Sir Roderick (Roddy) Macdonald KBE. As well as serving as a naval officer, Admiral Roddy was a keen amateur artist. The location comprises of 3 bedrooms, a large communal living room and kitchen area, and 3 separate studios in the grounds. The Admiral's House is available to all kinds of visiting artists and creative practitioners such as visual artists, designers, makers, writers, musicians, and others from the performing arts that may need the time and space to develop a piece of work in an inspiring location. This residency project will appeal to both creative people living on Skye as well as artists based nationally and internationally. The project itself allows artists the time and space to develop their own practice whilst engaging with the local community and getting the chance to meet other creative people that are using the facility. It is an ideal location for retreat, reflection, review and creative renewal.

Rents and Bookings

If you would like to stay at the Admirals House, an individual booking consists of renting one bedroom which includes an individual studio space. Each of the three studios has its own character and artists can select their preferred studio for hire at the time of application. All tenants will have access to communal areas and property grounds.



Bookings run for four or two weeks. There may be a number of artists staying in the property at any given time helping to foster a unique and collaborative experience.

An individual booking is £1,000 for four weeks or £650 for two. A 10% discount is available for current Wasps tenants. All bookings are subject to a cleaning fee.

There is opportunity for creative groups to rent the whole property.



the studios

the admiral's house has three studios in its grounds, all suited to different practices and intents. allocations are made in advance of your stay and we take your practice into account before allocating a space to you.

all studios have a table, chair and easel for visitors to use

lady joan's studio

This beautiful new build studio is a recent addition to the site and boasts incredible views across the Straits of Raasay. A timber structure, the studio is completely white with good interior lighting and large picture window. The space itself is around 161 sq ft and has a desk, chair, easel and some shelves. This studio would lend itself to creative people such as painters, clean practices such as writers or those working on a smaller-scale, that are seeking a more quiet and contemplative experience to develop new work.



admiral roddy's studio

The former Admiral's original painting studio is a purpose built, wooden panelled studio with plenty of natural light. It is a large space of approx. 307 sq. ft. with a timber coloured interior and flooring, windows across the entirety of the right hand wall, sky lights and strip lighting. It contains two desks that belong to The Admiral, a long work bench and easel. The studio would suit a number of creative practices including writers and performers. Although directly in front of the house, there are three steps leading to the entrance so visitors with disabilities may require some assistance.



alan macdonald studio

This converted garage is a large, airy space. Although there is a small window to the left, this space is bright, with good lighting and whitewashed walls and includes a work bench and two tables, chair and easel. The washout area, including Belfast Sink, is attached to the back of the studio. The space is around 266 sq ft with good heating and a timber workbench which can be moved around the space. This space would be ideal for messier practices such as sculpture or ceramics. The large garage doors can also be left open in summer months (hopefully!) to maximise light and working space. This studio sits next to the house and is probably the most accessible workspace on the site.



how to apply

If you would like to apply to stay at The Admirals House, we require:

- Completed [residency contact form](#)
- A statement about your practice
- Six to eight images of recent work
- An up to date artistic CV
- A statement of intent: what you plan to do while staying at The Admirals House

Please email this to lettings@waspsstudios.org.uk



location

Lower Ollach is around 4 miles south of Portree and has no public transport links. The journey by car takes about 15 minutes from Portree. The property is accessed by a track from the main road from Portree to Braes. The track is sign posted from the main road.

accessibility

The Admiral's House is wheelchair accessible, with a ramp at the front door. One of the toilets within the property has turning space for a wheelchair and both bathrooms have walk-in shower facilities. Of the three studios available, the adapted garage space would be the most suitable for visitors who need assistance with accessibility due to its proximity to the house. The house sits on rural terrain meaning that the track from the main road is uneven underfoot, as is the land between the house and the studios. When booking the Admirals' House please make us aware of any assistance you may need.

cleaning

All bookings at the Admiral's House are subject to a £150 cleaning fee.