

Access BEAF Exhibition Open Call

The Access BEAF Exhibition Open Call is a paid opportunity for artists within the Access BEAF Network to showcase their work at TOSH in a small group exhibition in September 2026.

This is a pilot opportunity responding to the needs of our community and BEAF's commitment to support visual artists living and working within Dorset and Hampshire. The selected artists will receive a £250 bursary to support their practice further, with additional mentoring support from the BEAF team.

We welcome all 2D based wall works, either existing works made within the last year or new works to be produced for the exhibition. 2-3 artists will be selected depending on individual proposals. BEAF will support you with exhibition curation and marketing.

Exhibition Dates

Preview Weds 9 Sept 7-9pm

Continues - Thurs 10 Sept - End of Dec 2026

Exhibition open during TOSH opening hours. The hall and atrium are used for workshops and events, so we have dedicated some additional dates when audience members will be able to see the exhibition only:

10-11 Oct

24-25 Oct

More dates to follow

Install on 5 Sept

You must be available on this date to apply

Deadline to apply - Fri 17 July 5pm

We will notify you if you have been successful by Mon 27 July. Exhibition marketing will start from Early August.

To apply please submit:

- A short exhibition proposal (max 200 words)
- A short artist bio (max 200 words) with any links to your website/social media
- Your exhibition proposal should include a list of works with titles, mediums and sizes or rough dimensions if not created yet
- Up to three images of your intended work you wish to exhibit or similar works in progress

Please submit the above in one pdf (max two A4 sides of paper)

Email your proposal to hello@gotbeaf.co.uk with 'Access BEAF Exhibition Open Call' in the subject line

For more information please read all of FAQs below.

FAQs

What kind of work can I submit?

All 2D works that can be exhibited for the duration of the exhibition until late December, including but not limited to painting, drawing, textiles and text based wall works.

Where will my work be exhibited at TOSH?

Work will be exhibited in the hall space and atrium. Images can be found here - <https://www.toshspace.co.uk/hire>

What are the dimensions of the hall?

The Hall is 6m x 7.5m. It has large windows on the back wall and a fireplace on the wall nearest to the door.

How many works can I submit?

As many as you would like to, we would encourage you to think about the space and your exhibition proposal and if selected we may suggest showing particular pieces that work well with the other selected artists' works.

Who can submit work for the exhibition?

This opportunity is open to all current members in our Access BEAF Network. If you are interested in joining please get in touch with us - <https://gotbeaf.co.uk/our-work/access-beaf/>

How will you help with marketing?

BEAF will create an exhibition poster with our branding and your images. We will promote the exhibition on our social media and website. We will create an eventbrite for the opening preview.

What can I use the £250 towards?

The £250 bursary is to support your professional practice, it could be used to print work for the exhibition, frame a piece of work, attend a course, buy materials or any other professional practice support. You will need to invoice BEAF to receive this bursary.

Can I apply as part of my collective or artist duo?

Yes absolutely, please just submit one exhibition proposal together. Please note only one bursary will be allocated to each selected application.

Does TOSH have any access information?

Yes all access information can be found here - <https://gotbeaf.co.uk/contact/access-information/>