



Ort Gallery are delighted to announce a Programme of Exhibitions, Workshops, Scratch Nights, Artist Talks and more for 2017

Ort Gallery was awarded Elevate Funding by Arts Council England in 2016, a grant that supports us to develop our business plans to manage and produce larger projects, helping to build our long-term sustainability.

Ort Gallery is an artist-led space presenting exhibitions by artists from diverse backgrounds that address social injustice and promote community cohesion.

We are increasing our community outreach and volunteer programme, have launched Schwarmerei, our membership programme, allowing us to offer professional development to emerging talent.

Josephine Reichert, Director said: "We are a small artist-led organisation based within a deprived neighbourhood, working with and for its community.

"The grant allows us to expand our valuable work by offering opportunities to those who need them the most. Working with artists from diverse ethnic backgrounds allows our audiences to take ownership of the art work and to be represented in the arts industry.

"We are committed to lead by example and show larger organisations that a diverse programme reaches more first time gallery goers ensuring the organisation provides entertainment to all people in our society. Our ambition in our programme and business plan is to create real social change at a grassroots level."

Programme Highlights

'In This Perfect British Landscape...' an exhibition by Kristina Cranfeld

Preview 16th February 6pm and runs until 8th April

The exhibition "In This Perfect British Landscape..." comprises video works, costumes, flags and work on paper that deal with Kristina's own experiences of migrating to the UK. Her work is poignant, witty and surreal and astutely queries identity and citizenship and what it might mean to become British.

Born in Uzbekistan (formerly USSR), Kristina Cranfeld is a London based artist and

filmmaker. Her work is a combination of speculative narratives, performances and social





experiments, which investigate and challenge societal and political systems and their impact on human lives.

“At what point does one stop being an immigrant and become a full member of society?”
Kristina Cranfeld TEDxWarwick 2014 The “Perfect” Citizen

‘Work this Earth’ by Eca Eps

7th September– 11th November

Work This Earth is an intervention and installation that will use soil collected from a sacred RCCG campsite in Nigeria.



As a wave of anti-gay laws swept through Africa in 2013/14, protests erupted in Uganda and Kenya, but not Nigeria. With a 14-year prison sentence and mob justice for homosexuality the environment is so hostile that most Nigerian LGBT activists live elsewhere. Nigeria’s penal codes against homosexuality were imposed under British colonial rule. While Britain has seen a monumental shift towards same-sex equality, the same can not be said for its former colonies.

As part of this exhibition Eca will present **Wall**, a time-based live art piece, which will see a wall made from ice erected and collapsed in the Moseley Road Baths’ Gala Pool.

Schwarmerei - become a member of Ort Gallery

Schwarmerei is Ort Gallery’s Membership Programme. As a member you can enjoy a range of exclusive benefits – including pre-preview launch invites, members events, opportunities and discounts from us and our partners.
More info here: ortgallery.co.uk/schwarmerei



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