

APPLICATION TO EXHIBIT AT THE BARBICAN LIBRARY

GROUP APPLICATION FORM

Applications are currently being invited from artists wishing to exhibit in the 2026 season.

Individuals and groups of artists can apply to hold an exhibition of their work in the Barbican Library Foyer space. The space is extremely popular therefore a selection process is necessary to choose the successful candidates for each (January to December) calendar year. Applications need to be made during the “open” period from 1st October 2024 to 28th February 2025.

We particularly aim to promote artists who are seeking their first exhibition in the City, and those who do not have access to permanent or regular gallery spaces. However, we're unable to provide support or assistance for mounting the exhibition and you must be able to do this yourself.

The space is available for public exhibitions lasting approximately one month, with free admission to the public. Most forms of artwork can be accommodated within the space, and a variety of equipment facilities are available.

The Library is a public library housed in the prestigious Barbican Arts Centre and receives an average of 800 people through the Library doors a day, making this an attractive venue for exposure of artwork and information.

To support diverse artists our fees remain low - the Library makes a £100 administration charge for all exhibitions and commission on sales of 20%.

The facility is always in great demand and as a result we cannot offer repeat exhibitions within 3 years unless you are resident or resident organisation located within the City of London authority.

We wish to assist artists of every level (using a wide variety of media) and from any UK location to have an exhibition, and we encourage applications from both individuals and groups of artists.

Due to the large number of applicants and the limited slots available we will not be able to accommodate all applicants so please don't be discouraged if you are not selected this time.

To apply please complete the form overleaf and return along with no more than one anonymized A4 example of work by each member of the Group to helen.tremaine@cityoflondon.gov.uk or by post to Barbican Library, Barbican Centre Level 2, London EC2Y 8DS. **Please do not include ANY personal data about other Group members where their direct consent has not been provided.**

The Name of Group:

DETAILS OF THE GROUP'S REPRESENTATIVE

Title:
First name:
Surname:
Address (please remember to inform us if you change your address):
Post Code:
Group Representative's contact details:
Home telephone number:
Work telephone number:
Mobile telephone number:
Email address:
Group Website address:
Have any of the Group members exhibited as individuals or as part of other groups at the Barbican Library before? No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
Have any of the Group members made an individual application for 2026? No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Please give the name of the Exhibition (if already decided):

Please tick below each of the months in 2026 when **the Group would be available** to exhibit, if selected:

January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December

Privacy Policy

Please sign to consent to the data requested on this form being collected to process your application to hold an exhibition at the Barbican Library during the 2026 Season (January to December 2026). This information will not be shared with any other party. Unsuccessful applications will be disposed of within one year of the closing date of application submissions for the year being applied for. Successful applications will be retained for four years following the date the exhibition is staged.

Signed:

Date:

Please tick as appropriate:

The Group consists or includes Barbican or City resident	
The Group consists or includes residents of Greater London	
The Group consists or includes UK resident	
Other	

The Group has exhibited at the Barbican Library before:

No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Dates:
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The Group's proposed exhibition will consist of (please tick as many boxes as appropriate):

Paintings, drawings, pastels, etc.	
Pottery, ceramics, sculpture, etc.	
Textiles, needlework etc.	
Photographs	
Books / book bindings / book illustrations	
Jewellery	
Other – please specify:	

Please give an indication of the approximate size and number of proposed exhibits (e.g. picture dimensions, size and weight of sculptures, display cabinet items etc.)

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The Group's proposed exhibition for 2026 would be (please tick one option):

Of national interest, e.g. would tie in with a major national event in 2026	
Would relate in some way specifically to the Barbican Estate or Centre	
Would be of specific interest to Londoners	
Would be of interest to this particular group of people (please state which group):	
None of the above.	

The Group consists of (please tick one option):

Professional artists who have exhibited in public before	
Semi-professional artists who have exhibited in public before	
Experienced amateur artists who have exhibited in public before	
Amateur artists with no previous exhibitions	
Other – please provide further details	

Please add below (or on a separate sheet) the number of Group members and any anonymized additional information (either about Group members or their work) you think will complement the application; for instance more detailed information about the format of members' work. Please ensure that any additional pages show the name of the Group's representative.

Each group member may also submit **one** anonymized A4 photocopy of an example of their work to accompany the application but please **do not include any other items.** Sorry but we are unable to return examples submitted.

To be considered completed applications need to be returned to:
Barbican Library, Barbican Centre, Silk Street London EC2Y 8DS **by 28th February 2025.**

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