

APPLICATION TO EXHIBIT AT THE BARBICAN LIBRARY

INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION FORM

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

Individuals and groups of artists resident in the UK 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 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 three A4 examples of your work to helen.tremaine@cityoflondon.gov.uk
Or post to Barbican Library, Barbican Centre Level 2, London EC2Y 8DS

YOUR DETAILS

Title:
First name:
Surname:
Address (please remember to inform us if you change your address):
Post Code:
Contact details:
Home telephone number:
Work telephone number:
Mobile telephone number:
Email address:
Website address:
Have you exhibited at the Barbican Library before? No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
Did you exhibit: on your own <input type="checkbox"/> as part of a group <input type="checkbox"/> If as part of a group, please provide the name the group used:
Please give the name of the Exhibition (if already decided):

Please tick below each of the months in 2026 when you **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. 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:

I am a Barbican or City resident	
A resident of Greater London	
A UK resident	
Other	

My 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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My proposed exhibition would be (please tick one option):

Of national interest, e.g. would tie in with a major national event in 2025	
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.	

I am (please tick one option):

A professional artist who has exhibited in public before	
A semi-professional artist who has exhibited in public before	
An experienced amateur artist who has exhibited in public before	
An amateur artist with no previous exhibitions	
Other – please provide further details	

Please add below (or on a separate sheet) any additional information (either about you or your work) you think will complement your application; for instance, details about your artistic history, or more detailed information about the format of your work. Please ensure that you put your name on any additional pages.

You may also submit **a maximum** of three A4 photocopies of examples of your work to accompany your 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**.

We are unfortunately unable to accommodate all exhibitions tendered every year. This application will be considered for an exhibition to be held during the year 2026 only. All applicants will receive a response by 30.4.25.
