

# NLS

**A VISUAL ART INITIATIVE**  
A subsidiary of Creative Sounds

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2022 APPLICATION  
STUDIO RENTAL

NLS (New Local Space Limited/ nuclear localisation signal/ natty's loquacious stylings/ nobodies loving something/...) New Local Space is an artist-run contemporary visual art initiative in Kingston that is a non-profit subsidiary of audio recording studio and production house Creative Sounds Ltd. NLS was founded in the garage of the building that houses Creative Sounds, as a place for visual art practitioners doing work in dialogue with contemporary issues to experiment with new ideas, collaborate with each other and engage with the public. Interdisciplinary experimentation, collaboration, and open access have continued to be core principles at the core of our operations. NLS has expanded beyond the garage to include an approximately 1000 sq ft work space. The mission of NLS is to facilitate thriving professions for visual art practitioners working in experimental practices committed to advancing more equitable cultures, and to equitably connect such art practitioners with the global contemporary art community. NLS does this through structured professional support via artist residency and fellowship programmes, exhibitions, affordable studio space, a podcast, paid internships and research.

## ABOUT NLS STUDIO SPACE RENTAL

NLS studio space is open to visual art practitioners working in any medium or discipline. The studio space is geared towards practitioners at any point in their career who are focused on developing independent projects and/or their studio practice. With rental, art practitioners are given 24 hour access to the space. NLS provides an approximately 600 square foot indoor space and approximately 500 square foot outdoor space available for a minimum of 1 month to a maximum of one year. The studio space is located at 190 Mountain View Ave in St. Andrew, Jamaica, on the same property as Creative Sounds Ltd, across from the National Stadium, and a 10 minute walk from the Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts.

### Specifications of the space:

The approximately 600 square foot indoor space is divided into a private project space, a library, and a gallery, as well as one full bathroom. Tenants are provided with WiFi. One parking spot comes with the space as well as an outdoor project area. There are two secure entrances to the indoor space, one is a double door that may be used as a loading dock. The property is secured with an electrical gate that is shared with the commercial audio recording studio Creative Sounds Ltd. Water is included in the rent but the tenant is responsible for payment of electricity, which will be added to the rent each month.

### Studio rental rates are as follows:

- Project space rental is USD 320/month
- Gallery space rental is USD 700/month
- Entire indoor space is USD 900/month
- Entire indoor and outdoor project space rental is USD 1500/month

### Tenant's responsibilities:

The tenant is responsible for paying rent and electricity on time, using all utilities and amenities in a responsible manner, monitoring and reporting on the maintenance of the space during their occupancy, and helping to keep the property free of pests through daily garbage disposal to the dumpster. Tenant is responsible for helping to ensure the property is kept secure by securing all gates and entries promptly upon entering and exiting property. At the end of occupancy, Tenant is responsible for leaving the indoor space and outdoor landscape in the condition it was handed over to tenant at the beginning of occupancy.

### Examples of things you MAY do in NLS studio space:

- Have a full-time or part-time studio practice
- Conduct collaborative projects
- Foster and become part of a thriving network of art practitioners by using this space to host artist meet-ups
- Curate and/or mount independent exhibitions of work by you or other art practitioners in this space

### Examples of things you may NOT do in NLS studio space:

- You may not use this space as a full-time living space
- You may not conduct activities that infringe on the operations of nearby businesses
- You may not hold events without prior notification and consent from NLS
- You may not break any terms stated within the lease agreement
- You may not alter the outdoors or landscape in any way

## GUIDELINES FOR RENTAL

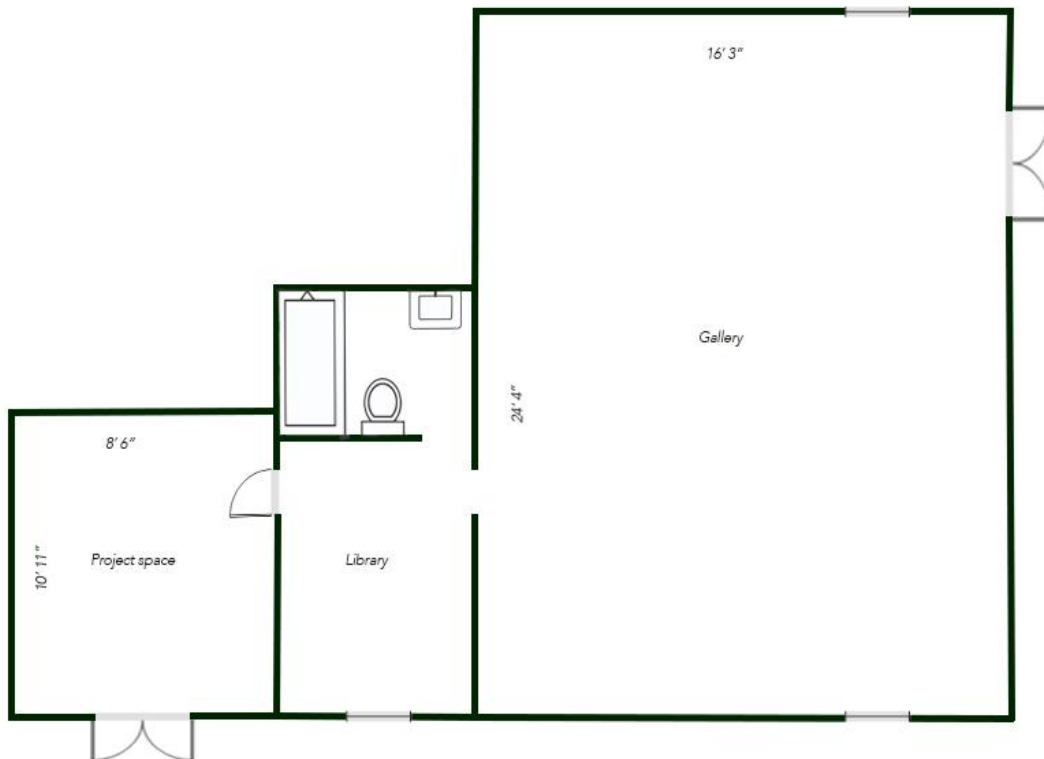
Along with the application form, all applicants must provide the names, numbers and email addresses of two references (not related to applicant), work samples of work made within the last 5 years (10 jpegs of approximately 1000 pixels on longest side, or two 5 minute video clips), a work sample index (with title, medium and year work was made), a 100 word executive summary, 500 - 1000 word project narrative, a 500 - 750 word artist statement, a CV, and a copy of a valid ID.

Application forms must be filled out clearly and completely. If the space is to be shared by more than one artist, these art practitioners must submit only one application for the group, and the lease signed by only one member of the group. No more than three art practitioners may apply to use the space.

Applications must be emailed to [info@NLSkingston.org](mailto:info@NLSkingston.org). Please use the checklist at the end of this document to ensure you have enclosed all requested materials.

After your application has been reviewed, you will be notified whether or not you have been approved for the space, and invited for an interview if you have been approved. The review process takes approximately 4 weeks.

Once you have been notified of approval to rent this space, you will be presented two copies of a lease to be signed and returned. The tenant is required to present signed copies of the lease, pay a \$6000 deposit for electricity, \$7000 deposit for the gate opener and keys, as well as one month's deposit within two weeks from notification of approval to rent the space.





**APPLICATION FORM**

Full name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Current home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile phone numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the best number to reach you? \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever rented property before? (yes/no) \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, provide the address and contact number of your landlord (if no, enter N/A):  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What medium/discipline do you work in? \_\_\_\_\_

State brief purpose for renting this space?  
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\_\_\_\_\_

How many art practitioners will be using this space? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the proposed dates and duration? \_\_\_\_\_

TRN/driver's licence #/or other government issued ID#  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name of next of kin: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

**CONTACT INFORMATION FOR REFERENCES**  
(references may not be related to the applicant)

**Reference 1**

First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone numbers: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone numbers: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell phone numbers: \_\_\_\_\_ Best number to reach: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reference 2**

First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone numbers: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone numbers: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell phone numbers: \_\_\_\_\_ Best number to reach: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

## CHECKLIST

- COMPLETE APPLICATION FORM
- COMPLETE REFERENCE FORM 1
- COMPLETE REFERENCE FORM 2
- COPY OF GOVERNMENT-ISSUED ID
- 10 WORK SAMPLES (JPEG/MOV/ MP4)
- EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (100 WORDS)
- PROJECT NARRATIVE (500 - 1000 WORDS)
- ARTIST STATEMENT (500 - 750 WORDS)