KENWOOD LADIES' POND OPEN CALL: 'BOLD IN ALL WEATHERS'

Eligibility:

Women aged 18 and above who are artists working in any medium other than photography and film/moving image who are competent swimmers in deep and opaque water.

Current member of the KLPA.

What we offer:

The KLPA will fund an annual season ticket wrist band which allows access to the Ladies Pond on Hampstead Heath during lifeguarded opening hours (including pre-booked times during peak traffic from June to September). For more information about the Pond see: https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/green-spaces/hampstead-heath/activities-at-hampstead-heath/swimming-at-hampstead-heath.

Each residency will run for 12 months from September 2025 to September 2026.

Access to the KLPA archives housed in Bishopsgate, London. www.bishopsgate.org.uk

Membership of a peer group of fellow artists.

Curated exhibition opportunity in Autumn 2026, in North London and/or performance opportunity, Autumn 2026.

Professional photography of any completed physical work or performances, copies to be supplied to the artist concerned and to the KLPA archives.

All work produced during the residency will belong to the individual artist(s) but the KLPA shall also have rights to display and reproduce the works themselves during the residency and the rights to display images or other records of the works in perpetuity after the residency. The KLPA reserves the right to limit the number of residencies granted in the absence of sufficient qualifying submissions.

Timeline:

Submission Deadline – 31st August 2025 via KLPAartistresidence@gmail.com

Shortlist – 1st week of September 2025

Shortlisted artists will be invited to the Ladies' Pond to discuss their submission during the second week of September

Successful artists will be notified by 15th of September 2025
Residencies to commence on September 21st, 2025

Unfortunately, we will be unable to provide individual feedback on submissions.

Your Submission:

- Please provide your name and contact details plus 500 words describing how this residency could enhance your artistic practice and deliver value to the KLPA.
- Curriculum Vitae (maximum two A4 pages).
- Link to your website, Instagram, portfolio or digital images (maximum 5) supporting your application.

FAQ

1. Can artist collectives apply?
   Yes, all applications will be selected on criteria outlined above.

2. I already have a wrist band to swim at the Ladies' Pond; will I be reimbursed?
   Yes, the KLPA will offer a 12-month wrist band

3. Do I need to be a winter swim to be eligible?
   No, but you do need to be a confident summer swimmer

4. I currently have a medical condition and cannot swim in the Ladies' Pond; can I still apply for this residency?
   Yes, please do submit your application, and if shortlisted we can discuss this further.

5. I have a carer. If I am chosen for this residency, will she also receive a 12-month wrist band?
   Please visit the City of London website above for details on carers' wristbands.