



Wigan
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The Turnpike Gallery Open Exhibition 2025

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Turnpike Gallery is calling for entries to its Open exhibition to be held at the gallery from 28 February – 19 April 2025.

The exhibition will showcase artworks by people living or working in the borough of Wigan. It is open to professionals and amateurs – anyone who makes art!

This is a great opportunity to showcase your artwork in a professional gallery, maybe for the first time. Our goal is to provide an accessible opportunity to exhibit and to present the range of creative talent in Wigan borough.

The Open exhibition is free to enter.

KEY DATES

- **Sunday 5th January 2025** – Deadline for submissions (a completed submission form and digital image)
- **Monday 20th January 2025** – You will be informed by email whether your work has been selected by this date
- **Monday 17th – Saturday 22nd February 2025** – Selected artists will be required to bring their work to the Turnpike Gallery: 1st Floor Leigh Library, Civic Square, Leigh WN7 1EB
- **Friday 28th February 2025** – Exhibition preview event
- **Friday 28th February – Saturday 19th April 2025** – Open exhibition on show to the public
- **Tuesday 22nd – Saturday 26th April 2025** – Selected artists to collect their work

GUIDANCE FOR SUBMISSIONS

Eligibility

- To be eligible to submit, you must live, work or study in the borough of Wigan.
- The exhibition is open to professional and amateur artists, aged 16 or over.

Artwork specifications

- You may submit 1 work for consideration, using the submission form and providing all the information required including a short statement about your work.
- Diptychs, triptychs and composites will be considered as a single work.
- Your artwork should have been completed in the last 2 years.
- All artworks must be an original creation of the artist submitting.
- We will accept artworks in a variety of media, including paintings, drawings, sculpture, photographs, textiles, collages, digital, video and prints (including etching, screen-print, lithograph, linocut, etc.).
- There is no maximum size of work submitted, but the dimensions of a piece may be taken into consideration during the selection process. Please be mindful of the size of our gallery space - it's on the first floor and your work will be exhibited alongside other

artists. If you have any concerns about the size of your artwork please contact the gallery.

How to enter

- Please complete the OPEN exhibition submission form and send it by email to theturnpikegallery@wigan.gov.uk no later than Sunday 5th January 2025.
- Please attach an image/s of your artwork along with your submission form. Images can be up to 1 MB per file (jpeg/png) and need to show the content of the whole work clearly and, for three-dimensional work, the display method (such as a plinth or shelf).

Selection

- We are looking for art which displays some or all of the following characteristics:
 - Artistic quality
 - Originality and imagination
 - Visual impact
 - Technical skill or ambition
 - Connection to contemporary local or global issues
- Please ensure images of your work are good quality, as these will be used to select works for inclusion.
- All selected work must have the artist's name and the artwork title clearly noted on the reverse.
- The artist is responsible for the delivery and collection of their work. The Turnpike Gallery cannot store any packing materials of delivered artworks.

Display

- All works should be ready to hang/display, and any complex installation instructions will need to be supplied. All works on paper must be securely framed and ready to hang with appropriate fixings (such as mirror plates).
- The curation and hanging of the exhibition will be the responsibility of The Turnpike Gallery team who will display works as they see fit.
- If we are unable to present a work (for example, for health and safety reasons) we will inform the artist prior to installation.

Insurance

- The Turnpike Gallery cannot accept liability for loss or damage of works submitted for exhibition. Whilst every care will be taken to ensure the safety of artworks, you are advised to arrange insurance for your submission.

Press and publicity

- Please be aware that images of artworks may be used for press and publicity. Artists may be contacted for further information for use in press releases or on social media.

Sales

- Works can be for sale and any purchaser will be asked to liaise directly with the artist. Labels will not show prices, but a price list will be available in the gallery.
- Sold artworks will remain on display for the duration of the exhibition. Buyers may collect their purchased artworks directly from the artist once the OPEN exhibition has ended.