



62 Group Associate Members - Invitation to Apply

The 62 Group are inviting emerging/early career textile artists to apply for a two-year Associate Membership that includes financial support, mentoring to develop their practice and exhibitions with a renowned international textile group.

Associate Membership will be offered to two emerging/early career textile artists in 2022 who demonstrate excellence in their creative practice and who can show how they will benefit from the supported opportunity to be a contributing member of the 62 Group artists' collective.

The aim of the 62 Group of Textile Artists is to open access to professional practice for emerging/early career textile artists by increasing opportunities to progress in their field. By inviting creative conversations and making connections between established and rising artists, we hope to increase the visibility of textile art.

What is the 62 Group of Textile Artists?

- The 62 Group is an artist led organisation that aims to challenge the boundaries of textile practice through an ambitious and innovative annual programme of **exhibitions**. The activities of the group are funded by the membership fees and organised by a committee of members.

What is the 62 Group Associate Membership?

- The 62 Group will award two talented emerging/early career textile artists in 2022 an Associate Membership to the 62 Group of Textile Artists. Associate Membership will last for two years and then there will be the opportunity for you to apply for full membership of the group. The aim of the award is to motivate, encourage and support you in the next stage of your practice.

Who can apply for Associate Membership?

- The 62 Group award is for all emerging/early career textile artists. The award is aimed at opening access to a professional textile practice. We encourage applications from people of all genders, backgrounds and communities, particularly from underrepresented groups such as minority ethnic backgrounds.

What will Associate Membership give me?

- An award of £500 per year (£1000 in total) to cover expenses incurred whilst you are a 62 Group Associate Member. This might include travel expenses to see your mentor, travel to 62 Group exhibitions, or to buy tools/materials for your practice.
- Free Associate Membership of the 62 Group of Textile Artists (usually costs £50 per year)
- Artist profile on the 62 Group website
- Support from a 62 Group 'friend'.
- Targeted mentorship from other 62 Group members
- Regular networking meetings with 62 Group members.
- The opportunity to exhibit in 62 Group exhibitions with no submission or hanging fees (usually costs £20 per work per exhibition).
- The opportunity to apply for full membership with advice on selecting and presenting work for new members selection.
- No membership fees for the first year of full 62 Group membership (usually costs £50 per year).

What practical support and mentoring will I get?

- You will have a 62 Group 'friend' who will be your first point of contact with the 62 Group.
- Your 62 Group 'friend' will offer support, advice, and motivation for up to 6, one-to-one meetings per year.
- You will also receive targeted mentorship from other 62 Group members who have specific skill sets. These could include advice with marketing and networking; development of a business plan etc.
- Meetings for professional development and mentoring may take place in person or on Zoom.
- In the first mentoring session you will: discuss what to expect whilst working together; agree goals to commit to whilst working together; put together a professional development plan, with relevant actions tailored to your needs and ambitions.

Will I be able to exhibit in 62 Group exhibitions?

- Yes, we encourage Associate Members to apply for 62 Group exhibitions. You will be subject to the same selection procedures as full members.

To apply you will need to meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrate ambition, innovation and excellence within your creative practice
- Be a UK resident
- Be willing and able to take up the Associate Membership for its full two year duration from September 2022

How will I be selected?

- Your application will be considered by a group of three 62 Group members and an invited external panelist.
- The award will be given to the 2 applicants who not only demonstrate the quality, originality and technical expertise of their creative practice, but who can also show how they will benefit from the supported opportunity to be a contributing member of the 62 Group of Textile Artists.

How to apply

- It is free to apply for this award
- Your application will be completed via [Curator Space](#).

You will need the following information to apply:

- Name and contact details
- A short statement about your developing textile practice, your inspirations and techniques (300 words max).
- A statement explaining how the Associate Membership scheme will help you to realise your ambitions for your textile practice (max 500 words).
- CV
- 10 images of your work. Images should be no larger than 4MB. Accepted formats JPG, GIF, or PNG. Please indicate the following for each image: Title, date, size (hxwxh), media used, and a 50 word (max) statement.

Submission deadline: 01/06/2022