

Published by [NFASP](#) in response to the [Government's Town Centres Initiative](#) - these guidance notes are for artists, local authorities, property owners, developers, and anyone with an interest in how an empty property can be used as affordable artists' workspace - although much of the information is transferable to use as exhibition space. It considers the benefits of these schemes and some of the steps necessary in setting up studios in empty shops and other vacant property. Examples of good practice are provided, as are links to useful documents and further reading.

Arts Council England has allocated [£500,000](#) of National Lottery income as a fund to which artists will be able to apply for grants to help them carry out artistic activities in empty shops made available to them through the scheme.