



Alternative Education Programme at Liberation Art Gallery (Brighton)

A Creative, Therapeutic and Real-World
Learning Opportunity for Young People

Alternative Provision Programme Information Pack

About Us

Liberation Art Gallery CIC provides creative, therapeutic alternative education for young people who may find mainstream school difficult.

We offer a calm, supportive and structured environment where young people can re-engage with learning through art, creativity and positive relationships with trusted adults.

Our focus is on helping each young person feel safe, confident and able to learn again at their own pace.

Who Our Support Is For

We work with young people who may be experiencing:

- Anxiety or emotional difficulties
- Autism or ADHD
- School refusal or reduced attendance
- Social, emotional or mental health needs
- Difficulty settling in mainstream education
- Risk of becoming NEET (not in education, employment or training)

What Your Child Will Experience

Young people take part in creative sessions designed to support wellbeing and engagement.

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Each session is:

- Calm, structured and supportive
- Led by experienced creative practitioners
- Focused on art, creativity, and self-expression
- Delivered in small groups
- Adapted to individual needs and abilities

We meet young people where they are and support them step by step.

What a Typical Session Looks Like

A session may include:

- Creative art activities (drawing, painting, mixed media, photography)
- Gentle one-to-one support from staff
- Time to build confidence and routine
- Opportunities to work on personal creative projects
- Optional progression towards Arts Award qualifications

There is no pressure to perform, the focus is on engagement and wellbeing.

Progression & Qualifications

Where appropriate, young people can work towards Arts Award qualifications, including:

- Bronze Arts Award
- Silver Arts Award
- Gold Arts Award (with UCAS points for university progression)

These are nationally recognised and help build confidence, communication skills and future opportunities.

Optional Therapeutic Support

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Some young people may also be offered additional 1:1 support with a qualified art psychotherapist.

This provides a safe space to explore thoughts and feelings through creative expression.

Our Approach

We focus on:

- Building trust and positive relationships
- Supporting emotional wellbeing
- Encouraging creativity and confidence
- Helping young people re-engage with learning
- Progressing at a pace that feels right for each individual

We understand that every young person is different and we adapt our approach accordingly.

Safeguarding

Your child's safety is our priority.

- All staff are enhanced DBS checked
 - All practitioners are trained and insured
 - Safeguarding procedures are always followed
 - We work closely with schools, carers, and professionals where appropriate
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How Referrals Work

Referrals are usually made through schools, SENCOs, or local authority teams.

If you are a parent or carer and would like to find out more, you can contact us directly and we will guide you through the next steps.

We are happy to discuss your child's needs before any placement begins.

Referral Process

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