



APPLICATION FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP OF WHOBIDARTS

GUIDANCE NOTES AND TERMS

Submitting an application

1. Application for full member status of WHOBIDARTS (the Westward Ho! and Bideford Art Society/the Society) is open to both associates and non-Members.
2. Application forms are available from the WHOBIDARTS website - www.whobidarts.co.uk or by contacting the WHOBIDARTS Secretary directly on info@whobidarts.co.uk
3. PLEASE ALSO SUBMIT WITH YOUR APPLICATION A STATEMENT OF ABOUT 250 WORDS THAT OUTLINES YOUR ARTISTIC PRACTICE – MATERIALS USED, IDEAS THAT INTEREST YOU AND WHAT YOUR AIMS ARE ARTISTICALLY.
4. The closing date for submitting an application is midnight on Friday 27th September. We can only review the first 22 applicants this year.
5. Application forms and your statement are to be submitted by email to info@whobidarts.co.uk
6. Please **DO NOT** submit any images of your work with your application form.
7. The fee for applying for full member status is £10. A non-refundable one-off payment. This **MUST BE PAID** at the time of submitting your application form by bank transfer to Westward Ho and Bideford Art Society, Sort Code: 30-90-78 Account no: 00094676, Reference: your surname. If you are not able to make a bank transfer, please contact the Secretary on info@whobidarts.co.uk to discuss alternative methods of payment.

Preparing your work for selection

8. Please submit **4 pieces** of original work which should have been completed within the last 5 years, for the Selection Panel to review.
9. All work submitted must present a clear artistic identity and should demonstrate a consistency in quality and a clear understanding and appreciation of the capabilities of the respective media.
10. All work submitted must be presented 'exhibition ready' – i.e. as if the work was about to form part of an exhibition.
11. Photography and digital prints may be submitted PROVIDED THAT they are original artworks made by the creative use of digital imaging techniques and are not reproduction prints. Prints should be either Giclée prints or traditional dark room prints. Giclée prints of paintings or original print making are NOT permitted.

A Giclée print is defined as “a fine art digital print made using archival pigment inks and acid free fine art paper”.

The selection process

12. The full member selection will take place on **Sunday 11th October**. It will be at Weare Giffard Village Hall and full details will be sent to you after you apply, but handing in will be from 10 – 11am and collection will be on the same day between 3 - 3.30pm. There is parking and a ramp for heavy objects.
13. After handing in of work has closed it will be reviewed by the Selection Panel. The Selection Panel is made up of full and/or life members of WHOBIDARTS with the appropriate technical knowledge and expertise in the artistic media.
14. The Selection Panel will wish to see a clear artistic identity running through all the work and submissions will be assessed against this and the following criteria:
 - Technical expertise/proficiency
 - Artistic identity
 - Impact and expressiveness
 - Presentation
 - Statement

15. The decision of the Selection Panel as to whether full member status should be granted is final and only a small amount of feedback is offered before no further correspondence will be entered into.

At the end of the selection process

16. All applicants will be notified within 24 hours of completion of the selection process whether they have been successful in attaining full member status.
17. (a) If you are successful in being granted full member status, you are a member from that point but will need to pay £15 membership in January 2027.

(b) If you are already an associate but have not been successful in being granted full member status, you remain an associate for this year. You are encouraged to apply again next year.

(c) If you are a non-member but have not been successful in being granted full member status this time, you are encouraged to apply again next year and meanwhile join as an associate.

Any questions or queries please email info@whobidarts.co.uk