

Widcombe Studios is changing!



Once upon a time (well, 1996) there was an artist with a vision called David Cobley, who started Widcombe Studios: now a thriving artists' co-operative and Registered Charity where artists and designers are making, interacting and collaborating with each other and the wider community. This diverse collective generates supports and engenders visual arts activity in an accessible and unpretentious way.

It all began in premises in the Widcombe area of Bath, hence the original name. In December 2003 the Studios moved to Comfortable Place on the other side of Bath. The studio membership has grown since those early beginnings and along with it our programme of classes, exhibitions and events. Those original values are still very much at the heart of what we do.

Just as in our work as individual artists we are constantly seeking out new creative challenges, it follows that as an organisation we can't stand still. We want to continue developing further resources for artists and wider access to cultural activity in the city.

Widcombe Studios is changing its name to Bath Artists' Studios. The new name reflects our standing as Bath's largest studio provider. In addition to providing studios for nearly sixty artists, we offer courses in print, painting, drawing and sculpture, and a programme of talks, events and gallery exhibitions.

We will become Bath Artists' Studios at our Open Studios event on 29 May 2009 – come and celebrate with us! Artists' studios will be open, and there will be a chance to talk with them about their work. There will be an exhibition including prints, paintings, sculpture and ceramics in the gallery and the return of our successful 10 X 10 fundraiser. 10" x 10" panels will be displayed anonymously but signed on the back by the artist. Each will be for sale at £50 so this is a great opportunity to pick up an original artwork at a great price!

Visit www.widcombestudios.co.uk for more details, call 01225 482480 for an invite, or feel free to drop in over the weekend.

Opening night: Fri 29 May 6 - 9pm

Sat 30 May 11am - 6pm,

Sun 31 May 11am - 5pm

The Old Malthouse, Comfortable Place, Upper Bristol Road,
(Opposite Victoria Park, behind Phase One Gym)
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