

Hove artists searching for a new home

RED HERRING - a seed bed for artists in Brighton and Hove for 32 years

As part of the imminent redevelopment into domestic dwellings of the industrial site on School Road, one of the city's longest established artist-run studios is about to be made homeless. Red Herring Studios was set up by 7 artists in 1985 in the old Paragon photographic laboratory in West Street, central Brighton. Resettlement is not a new challenge for RH as School Road is the *seventh* unloved building they have converted as a base for creativity - they occupied the old Maynards factory in Stoneham Road for 5 years before moving to School Road.

Red Herring is an artists' cooperative, existing to support the practice and appreciation of the arts in Sussex and further afield, particularly through the provision of studio space. It is run by its members and has housed well over 200 artists and crafts makers over the years, in that time setting up contemporary art galleries in 4 of its earlier studio buildings and **Fabrica** Gallery in the Holy Trinity church in Ship Street, central Brighton.

The School Road premises provide 23 work spaces for members with practices including painting, sculpture, ceramics, textiles, printmaking, graphic design and mixed media and approaches spanning the innovative, the traditional, the experimental, the public, the environmental and the wearable (...!)

RH has provided working space and a community of practice as a springboard for artists who have gone on to a range of achievements, contributing to the city and the region's profile as a cultural hub on the south coast by ...

- setting up and running studios/galleries/art centres
- creating public art and community events
- exhibiting locally/nationally/internationally
- being selected/listed for the Venice Biennale, the Turner Prize & the Booker Prize
- teaching in galleries/museums/universities/schools
- contributing to local, national & international discourse through consultancy/publishing/debate

Red Herring <https://www.redherringstudios.org>



