



NEW ART STUDIO EVALUATION REPORT 2020

FEEDBACK COMPILED JANUARY – MARCH 2020

This evaluation report has been compiled based on members' responses to questionnaires between January and March 2020. Questionnaires were designed by a previous member of the studio to make it as accessible as possible to our current members, the majority of whom have English as a second language. Due to these varying levels of English, some quotes have been altered to correct grammar, spelling or syntax for improved readability, whilst ensuring that the meaning is not altered. We hope that this report gives you an insight into our work at New Art Studio and the impact of art therapy on our refugee and asylum seeker members.



100% of members state that attending the studio is beneficial or very much beneficial to their mental health and wellbeing.

100% of members would recommend the studio to other asylum seekers and refugees.

Why do our members come to New Art Studio?

90% of our members come to the studio to be happy and comfortable outside of their own homes.

80% of our members come to the studio to create art; to make new friends; and to relax their minds and forget about daily problems.

70% of NAS members come to the studio to learn new skills and to advance their existing skills; and to socialise and meet with art professionals.

60% of NAS members come to the studio to learn about their refugee rights and to get support.

"Thank you for providing this place to improve our art and decrease our loneliness." "These [studio] sessions have helped me a lot to forget about my problems for a few hours and to know that I have somewhere friendly where I know I am not alone." Members





What does New Art Studio mean to our members?

"The studio is a place to release my problems and, by making my artwork, to have fun and create."

"This is my life: no studio, no life."

"The studio is a place to perform art and express my feelings on paper."

"The studio is happiness to me."

"This studio is more than just art. There are really good friendships and a good atmosphere. Very kind and friendly people."

"The studio is stress relief for me."

"The studio is the only place for me to calm down with my paintings and colours. I have had panic attacks for a long time, and the studio is helping me to relieve them."

"For me, the studio means family, friendship and art."





What do our members like most about New Art Studio?

"I like the lovely staff most because they are helpful and kind."

"I like that the people are lovely and friendly, and there is so much art!"

"The thing I like the most about the studio is that I can trust people and share my opinions more when I'm at the studio than in any other place."

"I like chatting, talking about art, and expressing our feelings."

"The friendship and family vibe of the studio are my favourite things about it."

"Art, friendship, yoga and learning English are the things I like the most about the studio."

"One of the best things is the annual exhibitions where we exhibit our artworks."





What do our members think we could improve?

"I would like to paint a live model."

"I would like for the studio to increase capacity to accept more new people. I tried to bring some more [refugee] friends but there is no space."

"We need some more equipment that can help improve our painting, like brushes, colours..."

"Maybe we could have regular art technique lessons and [work with] more art mediums."

"I would like [the art studio] to be open for two days per week."

"I would like there to be more exhibitions and additional opportunities to connect with art professionals."





***"Thank you to those running the studio
and anyone helping it to continue."***

Member