

## **Frac Bretagne, Rennes**

<https://www.fracbretagne.fr/fr/>



**Duration:** 2 months

**Availabilities:** 1<sup>st</sup> of June – 26<sup>th</sup> of July

The Magnetic 4 residency, led by the Frac Bretagne, offers 7 weeks of research immersion at the Dourven Gallery and 1 week of professional networking in Rennes.

### **About Frac Bretagne**

The Frac Bretagne, founded in 1981, is a leading art institution in the western region of France. Through an ambitious program of exhibitions, dissemination and documentation of the collection as well as numerous programs for the public, the Frac Bretagne's artistic and cultural project, entitled "Making archipelagos", aims to question the ways in which the institution can address the legitimate aspirations of our contemporary society. Inclusivity, diversity and openness towards other fields of discipline in Brittany and the rest of the world are important facets of its mission, developed through a horizontal and participative mediation policy, the inclusion of the Frac in international circulations, and its dedication to co-productions with other institutions. It is also committed to addressing gender equality and issues of ecoresponsibility.

### **About the Dourven Gallery**

<https://www.lannion-tregor.com/fr/sport-culture/la-galerie-du-dourven.html>

The Dourven Gallery is an art centre dedicated to the creation and exhibition of contemporary art. Located in an exceptional 16-hectare natural area, it sits on a rocky promontory on the coast of the village of Trédrez-Locquémeau, close to the town of Lannion, in Brittany. Its park harbors a wide variety of plant species from around the world, which have thrived since their planting dating back to the last century. Both planted and spontaneous landscaped spaces coexist in a unique harmony, against the backdrop of a shifting coastline, evolving with the tides.

Echoing this remarkable natural setting, the exhibitions showcased highlight projects by current French and international visual artists, encompassing all techniques, around the notion of landscapes. The Dourven Gallery is also a research and creation residency that provides artists with a living and working space, time, as well as technical and human resources to support them in their artistic endeavors. The site constitutes a tremendous source of inspiration for artists, who are invited to question their work in relation to this specific territory, which they approach through their bodies, senses, and thoughts.

## **1/ FOCUS**

The location of the Dourven Gallery, in a landscaped area by the sea, opens up fields of research as wide-ranging as the relationship between art and nature, environmental issues, and/or new ways of living and subsisting.

## **2/ PROGRAMME RESOURCES**

The residency offers:

- Artist fees of 2500 €/month.
- Furnished private accommodation in Dourven Gallery and Rennes.
- Curatorial support by Etienne Bernard, director of Frac Bretagne and Elsa Briand, director of Dourven Gallery.
- Liaison with regional actors (associations, institutions, curators, artists, etc.).
- Round trip UK / France and local transports will be covered.

## **3/ ACCESS**

Please note that the Dourven Gallery is not accessible to people with reduced mobility. The gallery and adjoining accommodation are not wheelchair accessible. The path leading from the park entrance to the gallery is very stony and not passable. There are steps up to the first floor and no lift.

There are 3 separate bedrooms on the first floor of the house. It is possible to accommodate assistants or families, in agreement with the Galerie du Dourven team and subject to space availability. The bathroom/toilet/kitchen areas are shared with other residents. The studio/workspace is a room of around 15m<sup>2</sup> located on the ground floor of the house. It is entirely glazed, with a panoramic view of the landscape and the sea. This workspace is not enclosed (no locked door).

The small coastal town of Trédrez-Locquémeau is not served by public transport (except for 1 bus on Thursdays to and from the Lannion market). The nearest SNCF train station is in Lannion (12 km). There is a public car park at the entrance to the park. Electric bikes can be hired. Taxis are available. Coming by car or renting a vehicle in Brittany will be more comfortable for better mobility.