

# Grizedale Arts, England

<https://www.grizedale.org/>

Duration: 8 weeks

Start date between September and December 2022.

Grizedale Arts (GA) is an arts organisation based at the historic site of Lawson Park farm, high above the Coniston valley in the English Lake District. Over the last two decades Grizedale Arts has become an acclaimed and influential model for a new kind of art institution, one that works beyond the established structures of the contemporary art world.

GA is a complex organisation. Central to its ethos is the pursuit of a valuable function for art as a component of everyday life, explored through commissioning and developing creative projects which are useful to communities. To that end, many of GA's projects place craft skills, collaborative production and the expertise of non-artists as drivers and key components of any project.

## 1/ FOCUS

GA encourages the selected artist to engage with its communities and explore viable connections and ideas for future exchange projects, with longevity and legacy being vital elements of that ambition.

To best understand GA's working principles, the selected artist would engage with daily life within the organisation during their residency, working in The Farmer's Arms gardens, bar, kitchens and workshops, engaging with GA's programmes and the activities of organisations and individuals within our local community. In addition, the resident would also have the opportunity to explore other projects run by, or developed in partnership with GA, sited across Europe and in Japan.

GA will consider contributing significant investment in furthering any appropriate and viable projects developed that demonstrate longer term benefits in the areas of commerce and connectivity (between France and our local communities).

GA is an ambitious organisation and would welcome major initiatives centred on developing sustainable businesses drawn from available local resources. For instance, GA are currently involved in building projects, including housing, business premises/workshops and small-scale production spaces, ambitious agricultural projects, and product development for the mainstream market.

## 2/ PROGRAMME RESOURCES

Grizedale Arts is committed to providing equal access. They endeavor to find workable solutions to support access to their resources and services for all users regardless of any disabilities or impairments they may have.

For participants with caring responsibilities, Grizedale Arts will assess accommodation options for an artist's dependents on a case-by-case basis.

The residency offers:

- Artist fees of £750 per week.
- Furnished private accommodation at The Farmer's Arms, a Grade II listed Inn which GA recently purchased in collaboration with the community.
- Accommodation and access to Lawson Park - GA's HQ and research base, set high above Coniston Water this historic farmhouse houses four private ensuite live / workspaces (one with full wheelchair access), a working kitchen, communal areas and a comprehensive library all surrounded by several acres of experimental and managed wild gardens. It also has a working domestic collection in use as part of daily life in the space.
- Curatorial support by the Grizedale Arts' team.
- Round trip UK / France and local transports will be covered.
- Access to a car for day trips.