

To: Alex Ogilvie,  
Highland Society of London

From: Lorna Campbell

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019



Hi again Alex

Firstly, please do convey thanks from all the core Circus team to your Trustees for the generous support of our venture. It is so good to have the backing and confidence of others in our plans.

Secondly, I've summarised our plans below so that you can share them with your Members.

Once again, it's great to have support for Highland initiatives from down South.

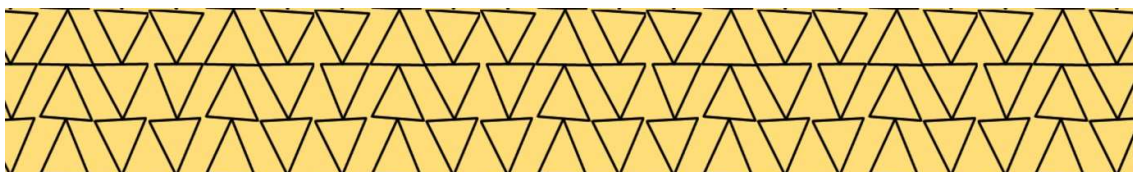
Warm regards, Lorna



**We are CiRCUS, an artists' collective based in Inverness, Scottish Highlands and we want to establish a new artist-run gallery called CiRCUS ARTSPACE.**

Help us to build a supportive community for contemporary visual artist as well as provide access to new work in the city. With increasing numbers of recent art graduates from the University of the Highlands & Islands living in Inverness - it needs a place for them to get involved, contribute enthusiastically and most importantly stick around!

We want to crowdfund to cover rental overheads, materials required for setting up the gallery and exhibition costs along with paying our interns a small fee. Over the course of one year we will offer a programme of exhibitions, mentoring for new graduates, social meet ups, discussion events and artists' talks.



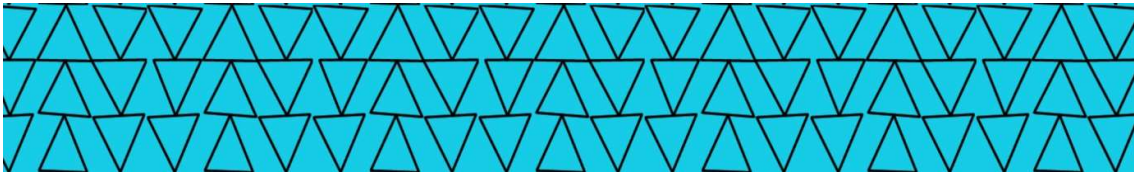
## **CiRCUS ARTSPACE wants to:**

- Help Inverness' artists to flourish and make our city a vibrant and welcoming place;
- Create an inclusive space aiming to support emergent artists, as well as providing access to new contemporary visual arts to the wider community of the Highlands;
- Become the central hub for artists' support and dialogue within our area.



## **Our Values**

- Promoting contemporary art as integral part of culture in the Highlands;
- Artist-led ethos embedded in all we do;
- Valuing aspiration over previous experience;
- Developing a community of support, experimentation, exchange and ideas;
- Nurture graduate artist interns and new forms of artistic practice;
- Encouraging sharing of values and collaboration between art forms.



## **CiRCUS ARTSPACE Programme**

In the first year we aim to:

- Offer high quality, contemporary exhibitions and work to support artists and projects that share our aspirations (8 exhibitions);
- Develop connections to national and international networks of artists by building relationships with artists visiting the UK to host them in Inverness as well as exchange projects with other national artist-run spaces;
- Host 4 graduate internships - each will last two months. Graduate interns will develop their professional practice knowledge and skills through actively taking part in all aspects of the gallery's projects and events. During this period, they will be encouraged and supported by the core committee to develop new work with mentoring/peer review sessions and receive a stipend fee to cover any out of pocket expenses;
- Host regular free talks on different aspects of artists' practices as well as social meet ups (12 events);
- We will share skills and resources, as well as the support our local Highland community by facilitating workshops, reading groups and critical discussions/salons (6 events);
- We will work with other disciplines to deliver film nights, music, architecture and more.