

CALL FOR ENTRIES - THE WORCESTER OPEN
Climate Change Edition 2023

This year we are working with Meadow Arts toward *Watermark*, their forthcoming multi-venue partnership-based project on water and flooding as environmental markers of climate change, which will take place from January to May 2023

We are calling for artists to submit artwork concerned with climate change for an open exhibition to be displayed at The Art House from January through to February 2023. A collaborative project by PITT Studio, School of Art University of Worcester and Meadow Arts.

Entries open: 18/10/2022

Deadline closes: 09/12/2022, 12 noon

There is little doubt that climate change is the defining issue of our age and we are becoming increasingly vigilant over its acceleration; the image of the flood presents as a powerful driver for the sense of unease that permeates our collective consciousness. Watermark will focus on water and flooding as indicators of global climate modification and use the live model of such events in Worcester as a hyperlocal environmental marker of a situation that affects the planet as a whole.

Worcestershire has a long history of flooding from its big rivers such as the Severn, Avon and Teme, its extensive network of smaller watercourses and ditches and, increasingly, from surface water. Worcester itself was always subjected to flooding from the Severn and has coped with the phenomenon in various ways over the centuries, but in the past 10 years, as the severity of flooding events continues to grow, this has become increasingly difficult to Manage.

Across the globe, flooding has become one of the most severe markers of climate change; these events now relentlessly hit the wealthy global North; along with droughts and wildfires, they are undeniable signs of a new reality. From the accelerated melting of glaciers or the polar ice caps to the riverbanks of our market towns, and from the biblical age to the most recent loss of habitat, floods are a most powerful trope. Watermark will be delivered through exhibitions and new commissions as well as an engaging programme of workshops, talks, films and a one day conference.

This opportunity is open to artists of various disciplines including a range of mediums from;

- *Painting and Prints • Illustration and Drawing • Photography • Audio/Visual*
- *Sculpture and Object • Digital and Mixed Media • Spoken Word and Performance*

Please apply online at pittstudio.com

To keep up with the event follow us on instagram [@pittstudio](https://www.instagram.com/pittstudio)

