

In line with the new COVID restrictions coming into effect from Thursday 05 November we will be closing Ocean Studios and the café to the public at 2.00pm on Wednesday 04 November.

The safety of our community is the most important thing and whilst we are devastated to be instructed to close so soon after opening back up, we will do everything in our gift to ensure the safety of those that we work with, support, host and employ.

Events and activities

Any events, activities or workshops due to be held at Ocean Studios from now until 02 December (at the earliest) will sadly have to be cancelled; ticket holders will be contacted and issued with refunds where necessary.

Accessing our spaces

Members who have their own dedicated space, or who have access to our shared spaces and specialist studios, will be able to continue to access them for business purposes where this doesn't contravene guidance from their own organisation, and where activities cannot be carried out from home.

For those Members still accessing our spaces during this next period of restrictions, we will have additional hygiene measures in place and we will require everyone to wear a mask at all times, unless seated at a desk or a table.

Please make sure you have had an induction to Ocean Studios, that you understand the COVID measures in place and how to practice social distancing in the building. If you haven't had an induction please email programme@realideas.org and we will arrange for an online induction so that you can continue to use the space safely.

If using our dedicated studios, co-work or specialist creative making spaces you must:

- Have had an induction so you know how to safely use our spaces
- Book your co-work desk in advance via the Members area online at www.realideas.org
- Sign in with NHS Test and Trace app when you arrive in the building, using the posters with QR codes at the entrances
- Wear a mask at all times unless seated at a desk or table.
- The minute you move around the building you must wear a mask
- Practice social distancing, staying 2m away from other people at all times
- Bring your own food and drink – the on-site café will be shut from 05 November until further notice
- Stay away if you have COVID symptoms and self-isolate for 14 days
- Inform us if you have a positive COVID test result and have been in one of our buildings in the 14 days prior to the test.

Support from our team

Our work to support and promote independent makers will continue and we are working with Members to see what we can do to best help them during this next phase of lockdown. As a Member of Real Ideas you can also access one to one help and support from our team in the form of business support to keep your social enterprise or creative business thriving. Fill out this online form and let us know how we can help.

We will be monitoring Government guidelines and local Public Health information closely from now until Wednesday 02 December and will be in touch throughout to keep you informed as to what we're up to. Until then stay safe, look after yourself and your community, and keep in touch via our socials and our newsletter.

With love from our family to yours,
From everyone at Real Ideas