

THE PHOTOGRAPHERS' GALLERY

Role:	Member of the Develop Collective: Extended Realities
Team:	Programming
Reports to:	Curator, Youth Programmes; Producer of the Digital Programme
Line Management of:	N/A
Contract:	38 hours over 6 months (to Summer 2025)
Location:	Meetings will regularly happen online and in person around London, usually at The Photographers' Gallery
Salary:	£500 commission (£13.85 an hour, for 36 hours)

Six member places are available for this year's Develop Collective: Extended Realities. Together, members will research, plan and create one, joint extended reality artwork to be shown with The Photographers' Gallery in Summer 2025. This role is part of The Photographers' Gallery's Develop programme.

About the Develop Programme

Develop is a three-year programme (2023-2026) that supports and commissions emerging creatives aged 18-24 through a series of talks and workshops around a photography-based outcome each year.

What's happening in 2024/2025?

Following on from the 2023/4 theme of 'Making an Exhibition', this year's theme is Extended Realities (XR). A programme of workshops and talks support this theme, providing participants with an introduction to a range of knowledge and skills related to making an exhibition.

About The Photographers' Gallery

The Photographers' Gallery (TPG) champions photography for everyone. In the heart of central London and home to an international community of photographers and artists working with digital imagery, TPG explores photography in all its forms, with a diverse and critically acclaimed programme of exhibitions, events, courses and partnerships. Over the past five decades TPG has helped to establish photography as a recognised art form, introducing new audiences to photography and celebrating its place at the heart of visual culture. Read more: <https://thephotographersgallery.org.uk/>

About the Commission

The outcome of the Develop XR commission is entirely open to the members of the collective. The key criteria is that the artwork is within, or incorporates, Extended Reality technologies. This may include AR, VR, MR, game engines, animation and simulation.

The artwork will be launched at The Photographers' Gallery in summer 2025. Depending on its format, it will feature within a dedicated space either in the Gallery, outside in Soho Photography Quarter (adjacent to The Photographers' Gallery) or online. The collective will have a budget of £5,000 for the commission, in addition to their artist fee.

About this Role

As a member of the collective your role is to research, plan and create an XR artwork.

Duties and Responsibilities include to:

- Research and propose an XR artwork
- Refine initial proposal based on feedback
- Attend all six mentor sessions with the collective
- Work as part of the collective (meeting amongst yourselves and taking leadership in the production of the artwork)
- Collectively creating an XR artwork by June 2025
- Keep on track of the artwork budget
- Produce ideas/materials for marketing and socials
- Keep Gallery staff regularly updated on the development of the commission

Additional support to the Collective:

Alongside other collective members, you will be supported by staff at The Photographers' Gallery to make the commission happen. Additionally, you will also be supported by external mentors that will meet with you each month.

Person Specification:

All applicants should be a minimum of 18 and a maximum of 24 years old on 1 January 2025 and have:

- an interest in photography, digital practice, XR and related media
- an enthusiasm for creative learning and social engagement
- an ability to work independently and as part of a team

Breakdown of hours:

6 hours a month from February to July 2025 will consist of the following:

- 1.5 hours team meeting at The Photographers' Gallery with Curator, Youth Programme and Producer of the Digital Programme
- 1.5 hours for an independent team meeting (zoom or in person)
- 1.5 hours mentor session, usually in person
- 1.5 hours end of month meeting with TPG staff

The above breakdown is a guide and not set in stone.

Please note: This position lasts 6 months. We kindly request successful applicants to refrain from applying in subsequent years. However, we warmly welcome you to attend future Develop events and the wider programme at TPG.

The Photographers' Gallery is committed to equal opportunities and encourages applications from all persons without discrimination. We particularly welcome applications from people currently under-represented in the arts sector, particularly disabled people and those from Black, Asian and minority ethnic backgrounds.

To apply please download an application form from <https://thephotographersgallery.org.uk/about-us/job-vacancies-tpg> and an Equal Opportunities form. Please note we cannot accept CV-only applications – you must complete the application pack to apply for this role.

Please email completed applications to develop@tpg.org.uk with subject header: 'Develop Curatorial Collective 2025'

Deadline for applications: 6 January 2025, noon
Interviews scheduled from: w/c 13 January 2025
Start date: February 2025



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