

RISE UP RESIDENCY

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OPEN CALL: RUR YOUNG ARTIST MENTEE 2026

Are you interested in sculpture, three-dimensional art or making work from recycled materials?

This October, Canadian artist Laurence Vallières will join Rise Up Residency in Margate to create a new sculpture using recycled Correx plastic. Alongside the residency, we are offering one early-career artist the opportunity to join the RUR mentoring programme.

The opportunity is open to artists aged 18–35, ideally based in Thanet, although applications from surrounding areas are also welcome. You don't need formal art qualifications or previous professional experience, but you should have a genuine interest in developing a practice involving sculpture or 3D work.

The timetable and level of commitment will be shaped around the selected person's availability. This is an unpaid development opportunity offering practical insight, creative guidance and continued mentoring beyond the residency itself.

Our longer-term ambition is to help the mentee develop and install a public artwork of their own, bringing the experience full circle—from mentoring and learning through to creating work for the public realm.

Last year's RUR mentee, Autonemy, worked alongside residency artist KMG. Following more than 12 months of continued mentoring, Autonemy will shortly begin painting her first large-scale mural in Margate.

To apply, please send:

- A short statement introducing yourself and explaining why this opportunity interests you
- A few images of your work, experiments or creative ideas—finished professional work is not expected
- Your age and where you are based
- Your general availability during October

Email onelovelouismasai@gmail.com with the subject **RUR Mentee 2026** by **27 September 2026**.

The selected mentee will be announced on **30 September 2026**.

We are particularly keen to hear from people who may not previously have had access to professional artistic mentoring or residency opportunities.



Laurence Vallières - Burning Man Festival