

The Elsewhere Studio — FAQ

What is The Elsewhere Studio?

A calm, structured space for artists, writers, researchers, and practitioners and anyone who wants to engage in shared inquiry and discussion. It's a place to think, make, reflect, and connect, with care and intention.

Who is this for?

Anyone who want a reflective, interdisciplinary space. People who want structure without pressure. Artists, writers, researchers, educators, heritage practitioners, and anyone whose practice sits between disciplines.

You don't need to be "clever enough," "prepared enough," or "academic enough." Curiosity is enough.

What if I'm shy / new / unsure?

That's completely fine. The studio is designed to be gentle, spacious, and welcoming. You can participate as much or as little as you like.

Is it online?

Partly, yes. The studio has a strong online presence, with workshops, talks, co-working sessions, and reflective gatherings. There are also occasional in-person events, mostly likely in and around Nottinghamshire (and Derby), shaped by the interests and locations of members.

Why Discord?

Online sessions will mostly take place on Discord. The Discord space is intentionally quiet, simple, and beginner-friendly, and is designed to feel more like a collective studio than a chatroom. You'll receive a joining link just like Zoom or Teams, and I can offer tech support if you're new to it.

Do I have to come to everything?

No. While Members are welcome to come to any event, there's no expectation to attend every session. Each event stands alone, so you won't be behind if you miss one. Come when something feels right for you.

What happens in a typical session?

Sessions are guided and structured. Some are more reflective, some more practical, some more conversational. You're welcome to participate actively or simply listen.

What does a typical month look like?

Each month includes a mix of:

- workshops
- talks
- co-working sessions
- reflective gatherings
- at least one in-person event

You can join as many or as few as you like. The schedule is supposed to be supportive, not overwhelming.

Can I develop my own research or practice here?

Yes, if you want to. The studio is collaborative, but there are opportunities to share work-in-progress, discuss ideas, and connect across disciplines. Sharing is always optional. You're welcome to simply attend.

Will I be expected to present something?

No. There will be open invitations for members to offer talks or sessions if they want to, but nothing is mandatory.

How does membership work?

There are two options:

- **Online Membership:** access to online workshops, talks, co-working, and the online space.
- **Full Membership:** everything above, plus access to in-person events.

Membership keeps the studio running and covers practical costs like room hire. It's intentionally priced to be accessible.

If cost is a barrier, you're welcome to reach out privately and we can talk about options.