

SEEDPOD 2010

RESIDENCY PROGRAM

GUIDELINES



OCTAPOD BACKGROUND

Octapod is a not-for-profit independent arts and media organisation located in a big hot open plan space in the heart of the Civic Precinct in Newcastle. Part-time staff and lots of volunteers nurture local creative projects, including: **This Is Not Art Festival** (an annual festival of independent and emerging arts and media), **Culturehunter.org** (an online cultural directory of the Hunter region); **Community Media Space** (offering a digital media studio + self-publishing resources), **Cultural STOMP Festival** (an annual festival celebrating cultural diversity), and **Podspace Gallery** (an artist run initiative).

SEEDPOD RESIDENCY PROGRAM 2010

The Octapod SeedPod Residency Program was established in 2008, offering a dedicated workspace to individuals and/or groups working in arts and community cultural development fields, who needed a work space. It is recognised that lack of access to resources is often a barrier to getting projects off the ground.

A monthly fee of \$130 offers residents: access to a shared workspace (desk + chair), 24/7 access to Octapod, internet access, meeting/workshop space, kitchen/toilet facilities, limited storage space, and cheap access to office equipment and audio/video production facilities.

In 2010 Octapod is offering ONE free residency position.

SEEDPOD RESIDENT REQUIREMENTS

All SeedPod residents are required to:

- become Octapod members, and
- host workshops/talks etc within the Octapod space during 2010 or produce relevant materials eg an Events Management Kit. This will be negotiated at the time that the SeedPod Resident agreement is prepared.

SEEDPOD RESIDENT AGREEMENT

All Octapod SeedPod residents will be required to enter into a written agreement regarding their residency of Octapod.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Applications close on Friday 15 January 2010 and will be assessed by the Octapod board member and Arts Development Coordinator.

FOR FURTHER INQUIRIES OR TO BE SENT AN APPLICATION FORM:

Email Christina at podadmin@octapod.org or call her on 4927 0470.