

North East Open Studios (NEOS)



North East Open Studios (NEOS) is an artists, makers and galleries collective based in the North East of Scotland. Members open their studios to the public to provide an opportunity for people to meet them and see their work.

November 2003, by a small group of artists and makers who saw the potential of grouping together to sell quality contemporary art and craft.

The first North East Open Studios event was held in September 2004, with 106 participants. An estimated £30-40,000 worth of sales were made over the ten-day period.

This year North East Open Studios, delivered Scotland's largest open studios event. A launch was held at the Lecht Ski Centre where sculptor George Wylie opened the event.

The full NEOS programme ran from Saturday 17th - Sunday 25th September. Over the event period, 150 artists, makers and gallery owners opened the doors of their studios, workshops and galleries to the public. This year, venues ranged from tiny studios to acclaimed art galleries. Large group shows, where several artists and makers could be visited at one location, were also arranged. The event was attended by over 30,000 people with many using the map as a trail and visiting several locations. Visitors appreciated the opportunity to meet the artists and talk about their work in an informal and friendly atmosphere.

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