**The Stoke Art Map event sees the launch of a three-month artist’s residency based at the former Spode Factory exploring the nature of creative ‘work’ in a changing city, with an exhibition in early 2017.**

**Saturday 24th September 12.00 – 18.00**

12.00 – 18.00 **Official opening of the Spode Rose Garden, Kingsway**, at 12.30 followed by music, food and other activities during the afternoon.

Opening of **ACAVA Studios**: Spode Works, with guided tour from the Rose Garden through the Lower China Halls led by Alan Shenton.

Exhibition by artists in **ACAVA Studios** and resident artist Nicola Winstanley — **ACAVA Studios exhibition space**, Spode Works, Elenora Street, ST4 1QQ.

Activities throughout Stoke Town.

12.00 – 18.00 **ACAVA Studios: Spode Works – Open Studios**

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Spode Works, Elenora Street, ST4 1QQ.

The new artists and creative practitioners based at **ACAVA Studios**: Spode Works will open their studios to the public over the weekend and host an exhibition in the studios’ exhibition space. All welcome to come and meet the artists and see the work they are doing.

Access **Radio**

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6 South Wolfe Street, ST4 4AB

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**Pilgrim’s Pit**

12.00 – 18.00

114 Church Street, ST4 1BU

A community arts hub and cafe, a space for creation, collaboration, discussion and imagination.

A curated open mic event with scratch performances, music and poetry by local practitioners will be taking place as part of the day.

**Spode Works Museum**

12.00 – 18.00

Spode Road, Elenora Street, ST4 1DU

Open to the public, demonstrations of a working print transfer press, tours of Spode Works site and museum.

18.00 – 21.00

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Spode Rose Garden, ST4 1DU

Harvest — Family Recipe Swap, workshop and live real cooking event, plus tea and cake. People power.

**Art Stop Stoke**

12.00 – 18.00

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12.00 – 16.00

Lower China Hall, Spode Works, Elenora Street ST4 1QG

Clay workshops: drop in activities using clay led by The Clay Comrades. Come and hear about the ceramic studio, and meet some of the artists working with clay in the Spode Factory. Open to all!

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Spode Rose Garden, Kingsway

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43 Artists studios in the former Spode Factory.

2. **Access Radio**  
Majestic Studios, 6 South Wolfe Street, ST4 4AB  
A national internet radio station, in the heart of the town.

3. **Art Stop Stoke**  
108 Church Street, ST4 1BU  
Art Stop is the base for participatory arts organisations The Cultural Sisters and Letting in the Light, hosting exhibitions, workshops and events.

4. **B-Arts**  
29 Harbottle Road, ST4 1BP  
Using arts with people, to improve lives and places, the arts organisation is also the venue for Common Space, a co-working space, and Bread In Common, a community bakery.

5. **British Ceramics Biennial Studio**  
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Managed by ceramic artist Jo Ayre, the studio hosts regular opportunities for people to ‘get clay under their fingernails’. Clay Together Saturday sessions, SOTCC adult and community learning courses and studio membership are just some of the ways that you can get making with clay with BCB.

6. **Design By Weather**  
Studio 38, Spode Works: ACAVA Studios, Elenora Street, ST4 1QQ  
A graphic design practice that creates visual communications for clients within the arts, culture, public, fashion and creative industries sectors across identity, print, physical and screen platforms.

7. **Majestic Studios**  
Majestic Studios, 6 South Wolfe Street, ST4 4AB  
Majestic Studios is a part of the East Street Arts organisation, and provides an open access studio for artists and other creative practitioners.

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114 Church Street, ST4 1BU  
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9. **Spode Works Visitor Centre and Museum**  
Spode Works, Elenora Street, ST4 1QQ  
Managed by the Spode Museum Trust, the visitor centre hosts an exhibition and events, as well as factory tours.

10. **The Spode Rose Garden**  
Kingsway, Stoke  
A beautiful garden and outdoor arts event space, developed by AirSpace Gallery and now looked after by the Friends of Spode Rose Garden group.

11. **Valentine’s Curious Closet**  
65 Church Street ST4 1DQ  
Valentine’s Curious Closet sells an eclectic range of vintage clothing, retro homeware, vinyl records and gifts and hosts a series of interesting events as well as showcasing the work of local artists on the exhibition wall.