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

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:

ACAVA Studios: Spode Works – Open Studios

12.00–18.00 Saturday & Sunday

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

12.00–19.00

Majestic Studios, 16–18 South Wolfe Street, ST4 4AB

12.00–19.00

Access Radio, www.accessradio.biz. You can be part of it – interviews and the sounds of the day.

B:Arts: Bread In Common

11.00–16.00

Spode Rose Garden, Kingsway

Harvest – Family Recipe Swap, workshop and live real cooking event with food and a chance to make, savour and share bread in action. Free tasters, try-outs and recipes. Bring in and share your favourite recipe swap and share the recipes, live and on social media and even try something out. Suitable for families and all ages. Pop in and say hello!

Art Stop Stoke

12.00–16.00

Open Studio, Spode Works, Elenora Street, ST4 1QQ

Small Print Exhibition and Printing Workshop with The Cultural Sisters and Letting in the Light at the Art Stop – Free and open to the public, all welcome. The Art Stop will be open for visitors from 12.00–16.00.

British Ceramics Biennial Studio

12.00–16.00

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

Clay workshops: drop in activities using clay led by The British Ceramics Biennial Studio, and meet some of the artists working with clay in the Spode Factory. Open to all!

Present Workshops

12.00–18.00

Spode Rose Garden, Kingsway

Live-screen printing along with mini practitioner-led workshops – members of the public can learn how to screen print onto garments and purchase pre-designed t-shirts and tote bags and even hand-print the prints themselves! Workshops are free, garments come at a small cost and appeals to a wide range of ages and people, suitable for children and adults aged 10–60.

Valentines Curious Closet

10.00–17.30

65 Church Street (ST4 1DQ)

The ‘Books are Brill’ exhibition by Staffordshire based artist Sam Maca, plus poetry performances throughout the day, leaking out onto the streets of the town.

Friends of Spode Rose Garden et AirSpace Gallery

12.00–18.00

Spode Rose Garden, Kingsway

Official Launch of the Spode Rose Garden. Opening Ceremonial Event at 12.30, participatory activities and gardening know how from 12.00–16.00, and a pop up tea room with cake and other delights, hear about the project and celebrate this demonstration of people power.

Majestic Studios

12.00–16.00

6 South Wolfe Street, ST4 4AB

Open Studios, Exhibition and Art Lunch – Majestic Studios will be open to the public with the resident artists being invited to share their work. Small Print exhibition will be displayed, plus a special Art Lunch, in the form of a unique Bistro event. Explore the building’s interesting history – it has been a cinema, dance hall, post office and radio venue. Share your stories about the building’s history during the day.

Pilgrim’s Pit

11.00–16.00

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 performance, music and poetry by local practitioners will be taking place as part of the day.

Spode Works Museum

12.00–18.00

Spode Works, Elenora Street, ST4 1QQ

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

18.00–21.00

Celebration Gathering

Friends of Spode Rose Garden & AirSpace Gallery

Spode Rose Garden, Kingsway

Official Launch of the Spode Rose Garden. Opening Celebration Gathering at 18.00, demonstrations of creative work by local practitioners and visitors are invited to make their mark on the map. A chance to see creative work by artists working in the city. If you are interested in being included in the Stoke Art Map in future years, then do get in touch with Ben Eastop (beastop@acava.org) or Anna Francis ([phone number]) or AirSpace Gallery

The first Stoke Art Map! Celebrating the arts in Stoke, with a grand launch of ACAVA Studios: Spode Works and the Spode Rose Garden by AirSpace Gallery, and a day of activities hosted by excellent venues around the town of Stoke.