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## Gibraltar 2019 Natwest International Island Games Art Residency Starts Next Week

Gibraltar Cultural Services (GCS) on behalf of HM Government of Gibraltar is organising the Gibraltar 2019 Natwest International Island Games, Art Residency. The project will see visiting artists work in various locations around Gibraltar. The group will be on the Rock from Sunday 23rd June to Sunday 7th July. The two weeks art residency is led by Cultural Development Officer Davina Barbara and Residency Director, Alan Perez.

The art residency is a programme for artists working in any medium, interested in developing their work collaboratively in visual arts, physical theatre, performing arts, literature, or any other form. The programme will see the involvement of artists from participating islands and invited artists from other countries, working alongside local artists. We have representatives from Bermuda, the Shetland Islands, Guernsey, and Aland among others. The aim is to develop work of a collaborative nature and foster creative thinking. The group will be exploring a range of topics and sites in Gibraltar to include the Upper Rock, Northern Defences and the Garrison Library and grounds, with this aimed at stimulating the creative production. The programme will also see those participating giving a short introduction/presentation of their work at GEMA in the evenings, with these sessions open to the general public.

Towards the end of the residency, there will be an exhibition to showcase the work produced throughout the two week programme. The exhibition will open on Friday 5th July 2019 and will run daily at the John Mackintosh Hall until Friday 12th July 2019.

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