

# RIPE

## at Old Northam Road 2018 - 2022



Led by 'a space' arts (AS) in partnership with Solent University (SU) and Winchester School of Art (WSA), University of Southampton (UoS), the RIPE graduate scheme is an ambitious programme of exhibitions, events and residencies at the Alfred Arcade, the Hidden Wardrobe and the Alfred Arms on Old Northam Road (ONR).

Since its inception in 2018, there have been five major RIPE exhibitions - Ripe Bananas, Ripe Mangoes, Ripe Tomatoes, Ripe Peaches and Ripe Plums - showcasing work by recent graduates from SU and WSA, UoS.

A series of supporting workshops, events and exhibitions have enabled the participating graduates to engage in artistic exchange and experimentation; forming networks and friendships that have helped them to maintain a fruitful visual arts practice.

'a space' developed and delivered these projects in partnership with SU and WSA, UoS, building stronger links with the universities and working with them to achieve higher employability rates amongst their graduates.

70 

Graduates have been supported by the RIPE programme

48 

Additional artists, musicians and freelance photographers supported by RIPE

23 

RIPE Graduates employed or commissioned by 'a space' arts

46 

Exhibitions held at RIPE venues on Old Northam Road

28 

Launch events were held at RIPE venues on Old Northam Road

2,884 

Visitors to RIPE exhibitions and events on Old Northam Road

193k 

Reached through RIPE and 'a space' arts social media channels

4 

Buildings leased on Old Northam Road

15 

Free studios spaces for artists