

# Spacex

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## **Arts Council England funding announcement for Spacex, Exeter**

Spacex, Exeter has received unfortunate news that it has been unsuccessful in securing a 3 year grant from Arts Council England to continue as a National Portfolio Organisation.

Since 1978, Spacex has achieved international acclaim through its diverse gallery programme, off-site and outreach activities, and its outstanding education programme. Identified as one of the key strategic organisations in the south west, Spacex works closely with artists and communities to produce and commission critically engaged projects that challenge and inspire diverse audience groups.

Over the years Spacex has worked with internationally renowned artists at pivotal points in their careers. Artists include Susan Hiller, Gillian Wearing, Shaun Gladwell, Bridget Riley, Phyllida Barlow, Lari Pittman, Richard Long, Paul Rooney, Emily Wardill, Cory Arcangel, Angus Fairhurst, William Kentridge, Ellen Gallagher, Laura Kikauka, Gustav Metzger, Sigalit Landau and Theo Jansen.

Mark Waugh, chair of Spacex's board of trustees, commented, "I am shocked by the announcement that Spacex will no longer receive core funding from Arts Council England. Spacex is a key visual arts organisation in the south west. Over the last 30 years its deeply committed staff team have produced extraordinary exhibitions and an exemplary education programme. Today's announcement by ACE is sad news both for the staff and contemporary visual art in south west England."

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### **Notes for editors**

**Spacex** is a leading contemporary art gallery located in the centre of Exeter. Its diverse programme encourages public engagement with the latest developments in contemporary art through a changing exhibitions programme, which includes new commissions, projects and activities. A significant part of the programme, including artist-led projects, events and research, takes place outside of the gallery. Spacex has an international reputation for presenting ideas from some of the most daring and exciting artists working today.

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