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**Myself :** I am a local artists with my MA in Fine Art from the prestigious Goldsmiths College ,London University.

I have been at Chocolate Factory Studios since 2012. I work with still and moving image, installations and mixed media and have exhibited worldwide.

**Artist Hub :** I can not stress more on the importance of having this creative hub in Haringey as it is the only creative oasis in

north London. North London has been always known for it's creative community - be it writers, visual artists,musicians, vocalists or actors.

It is bursting with creativity, but still lacks the spaces where they can work on a subsidised rent. Not many make money from art, rather we have to earn money by doing day jobs so that we can keep on making art. There are so many wonderful ,spacious, well lit affordable studios in London but unfortunately not in North London.These studios have their own cafe, art gallery, workshops equipped with printing press and spaces to conduct art workshops,lecture series,seminars and screenings.These facilities are made available for bookings as well.

**Urgent need of Subsidised studio spaces :** Haringey needs to recognise its role in supporting these 100s of creative souls.Artist studio spaces are crucial in this matter. An affordable space to meditate, think and create is essential for artists.It will also add uniqueness to the area and help economic growth. We can be pioneers in creating a space which provides working spaces, opportunities to exhibit and provide art education programmes.

Haringey has a diverse international community. These studios with added facilities can bring these local communities closer with art gallery, art workshops for children and adults and short art educational programmes.

We should really take this opportunity very seriously by exploring these possibilities and exploiting the talent we have.

I hope all decisions regarding AAP will be taken considering this strong appeal for artist studios.

I look forward to hearing more and hopefully in coming years we will have state of art artist studios of our won to be proud of.

Best Wishes

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