



Home is where the art is

Born in Uruguay and educated at Central Saint Martins, Ana Laura Lopez de la Torre succeeds Isa Suarez as Southwark's new artist in residence.

Supported by Southwark Council and the South London Gallery, the residency provides an opportunity for an artist involved in socially engaged practice to develop relationships with cultural agencies and communities in the borough.

Acme Studios established the programme following its completion of 50 permanent new-build artists' studios at The Galleria in Peckham, a pioneering mixed-use housing development. The residency is awarded to a Southwark-based artist, who receives a rent-free studio (worth nearly £5,000) for 18 months, plus a cash stipend of £10,000.

Composer, songwriter, performer and sound artist Isa used the opportunity to work with Southwark Pensioners Centre, Southwark Refugee Centre, The Maroons and The Music Project at Charterhouse in Southwark to explore the theme of human rights in everyday life. Her project, the Human Rights Jukebox (above), took to the streets of Camberwell and Peckham last June. Attracting crowds at Peckham Library, the Jukebox journeyed on to the SLG before travelling to Tate Britain where it featured in the Late at Tate programme.