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“The art world needs to evolve - there is a rich vein of talent out there, but we might lose them if the status quo of the last thirty years remains. We are working with the local community, whilst opening doors for the next generation, equipping them to thrive not just survive”.

Yinka Shonibare CBE RA

ABOUT

The Foundation is, at its core, a charity dedicated to facilitating international cultural exchange and skills development by supporting and enabling creative and research practices through residencies, collaborations, fellowships, education and professional development via G.A.S. Foundation in Nigeria and Guest Projects Digital in the UK.

Through these projects, Yinka Shonibare CBE RA reflects his ongoing beliefs in the relationship between art and social justice showing how the combined disciplines of architecture and science can contribute to local ecosystems, food security and of course, creativity.

Over the past decade, Yinka Shonibare CBE RA has tirelessly supported the development of early career and African diaspora artists through Guest Projects. The UK based artist residency programme offered emerging multidisciplinary creatives and practitioners free access to a project space in which to collaborate and experiment for one month.

In response to the global Covid crisis Guest Projects moved away from physical residencies, focusing instead on digitally enabling and supporting the creation of new works, testing of ideas, mentoring, creative programming and online community engagement.

The 2021 edition platformed the work of six emerging African and African Diaspora artists, based across both the UK and the continent, through a series of Artist in Focus and Digital Residency awards. The six participants received a fee, professional development opportunities and tailored mentoring alongside an opportunity to showcase their work on the Guest Projects Digital website and social channels.

GUEST PROJECTS DIGITAL





All photographs courtesy of Steloolive. Images taken from his Guest Projects Digital piece Oracle Afronaut. As a result of the residency the work has been included in ICF's Diaspora Pavilion 2: London programme. Photography by Fibi Afloe and Francis Kokoroko

For more information about Oracle Afronaut visit www.guestprojects.com/steloolive

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Lagos Guest Artists Space
by architect Elsie Owusu
in collaboration with Lagos
based NS Design Consult.
Visualisation by NS Design Consult.



GUEST ARTISTS SPACE



G.A.S. Foundation, a non-profit founded by Yinka Shonibare CBE RA, is Yinka Shonibare Foundation's delivery partner in Nigeria. The charity's ambition is to encourage critical and engaging practices in the fields of contemporary art, design, architecture, agriculture and ecology with the space to research, experiment, share, educate and develop ideas.

G.A.S. Foundation is establishing two centres of research and experimentation in Nigeria where international participants can live and work, alongside their African peers for up to three months at Guest Artists Space, a pair of multi-use live/work residency units.

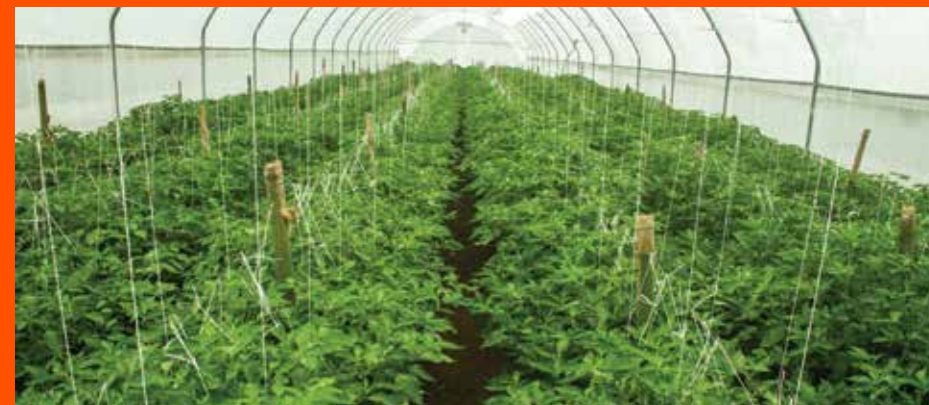
The first is based in Lagos, one of the most enterprising cities in the world. Here, the Foundation is hosted in an award-winning building in Oniru designed by Ghanaian British architect Elsie Owusu in collaboration with Lagos based NS Design Consult.

The building houses a multifunctional studio/gallery space on the ground floor with accommodation and shared living space on the 1st floor for up to three artists-in-residence with a 'barrier-free' design to ensure access for all users.

At the second centre, based in Ijebu, Yinka Shonibare CBE RA has completed work on one of his most ambitious projects yet, the Ecology Green Farm.

It provides a residency space for artists, scientists, agriculturists, and researchers and was created with sustainable infrastructure and food security for the local community in mind.

Working in partnership with architect Papa Omotayo, they've established an organic farm across a 54-acre site whilst overseeing a team of local artisans hand making 40,000 bricks to construct a state-of-the-art artists residence and workshop. Gardens have been planted and greenhouses filled with local craft taking centre stage.





PATRONS

We would like to invite you to help fund our distinctive and vibrant interdisciplinary programme of residencies, education programmes and events in Nigeria.

PARTNER
 ₦2.8million + | \$6750 | £5,000+

Our Partners will receive the following benefits alongside their support:

- A signed, limited-edition memento made by one of the artist residency alumni
- Invitations to exclusive private events, exhibitions and supper clubs

PLATINUM PARTNER
 ₦7.2million + | \$16,900+ | £12,500+

In addition to the benefits enjoyed by our Partners, you will receive:

- An invitation to an annual dinner hosted by Yinka Shonibare CBE RA, with an opportunity to help shape the future direction of the Foundation's projects
- An opportunity to attend hosted trips to, and tours of Y.S.F. projects, both in Nigeria and London (at an extra cost)

FELLOWSHIP PLATINUM PARTNERS
 ₦8.4million + | \$20,300 | £15,000
 over 3 years

The Fellowship Platinum Partner level is for donors who can commit to a three-year package. This includes supporting 'Named Residency Fellowship Awards' for creatives, curators and researchers in the fields of arts and ecology with a focus on African and African Diaspora recipients. Donors in this category will have opportunities to meet and follow the progress of the Fellows over the three years.

FOUNDING PARTNER
 ₦62.4million + | \$150,000 | £110,350

This is a unique opportunity for our opening year. A Founder Patron option is open to individuals, corporations or organisations making a substantial level of support. In return the Founders will receive a limited edition work from the Foundation and their names will appear on a permanent donor plaque at each of the residencies.

Founder Patrons will thereafter receive all the benefits offered to donors at Platinum Partner level for a period of three years.

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We are eager to hear from organisations, institutions, galleries, companies and brands who share our values and are interested in exploring mutual collaborative opportunities.

To discuss a potential partnership, programme donation or project with Guest Artists Space please email the Y.S.F. Director Belinda Holden at belinda@yinkashonibarefoundation.com



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