



# BNB-SIDE

RESIDENCIES + RETREATS +  
RESIDENTIAL COURSES AT BNB-SIDE,  
ISLE OF PORTLAND, DORSET

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**"The space worked even better than I expected for the writing element of the retreat – it was great having the use of all three rooms and people being able to choose an environment that suited them. The catering was excellent, I also had lots of positive feedback about the rooms and how nice the accommodation was...your flexibility with the early check in time and being able to leave bags on the second day was also a great help. The group also loved Portland as a location, we had an excellent meal at the Cove and a beautiful walk around Portland Bill. The yoga and sauna was a particular hit"**

Helen Bramah, ESRC PhD candidate at the University of Bath, and freelance communications specialist.

# LET US HOST YOUR COURSE OR RESIDENCY

b-side is a community interest company with the Isle of Portland's creativity, culture, and community at its heart. Founded in 2008, b-side generates connections between artists and community through active research, artmaking, and the delivery of our locally loved and internationally renowned annual b-side festival.

In March 2024 and from our home in Fortuneswell, b-side started a new - top rated -accommodation venture, the BnB-side.

BnB-side consists of studio and workshop space, meeting spaces, and six en suite rooms. BnB-side is a place to meet, make, and stay on the beautiful Isle of Portland, a short seagull hop from the world-famous Chesil beach.

## WHAT COULD A RESIDENCY/RETREAT LOOK LIKE?

It is up to you! Activities we have hosted so far include: a two-day Writing and Wellbeing retreat; an Encaustic Wax one week residential; and a Research and Development weekend for socially engaged artists. The team at b-side can help plan your activity with connections to artists who can deliver workshops, Portland residents who can lead walks and talks, or we can simply host you and your guests with great homemade food, flexible spaces, and private and tranquil accommodation.

Enjoy teaching and making in our workshop spaces, enrich your course with walks along the incredible coastline of Portland with cliffs to climb, secret beaches to discover, and coast paths to walk. b-side can recommend great local eateries and a host of activities that support our unique island and its community including sailing, windsurfing and foiling, and an outdoor sauna!

### WHAT WILL IT COST?

We will work with you to come up with a plan that suits your budget and suits your guests. You might be an artist wanting to run a residential course, or a producer needing research and development time for your team, or a business looking for a unique creative and environmentally focused retreat.

Need more rooms?

No problem - we have a network of Portland residents willing and experienced in hosting guests.

### WHY CHOOSE US?

We are committed to the guardianship of this very special Isle, we know how to put on events, and we know how to host.

By choosing BnB-side you are supporting Portland's social + cultural economy, celebrating and respecting our island, making the best use of its landscape, activities, and warm community connections.

Portland & Weymouth have just been awarded Dorset's Towns of Culture 2025, so let's celebrate and generate more cultural opportunities for everyone!

## LET'S CHAT, WE CAN'T WAIT TO HOST YOU

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