

# Continuing Your Journey After the Enso Circle

Congratulations on completing your term with the Enso Circle! Your time here has been about growth, exploration, and connection. As you move forward, we want to help you maintain momentum and keep the creative energy alive. Here are some options to consider:

## 1. Stay with the Enso Circle as a Continuing Resident

As a Continuing Resident, you can deepen your connection to this community while continuing to work on your goals. Benefits include access to regular feedback on Slack and Zoom, exclusive themes and content, and the camaraderie of like-minded artists. Staying involved as a CR helps you stay accountable and continue to grow with support from peers and mentors.

## 2. Find a Mentor

A mentor can offer guidance and share insights to help you navigate new challenges in your artistic career. Look for someone whose experience aligns with your aspirations, whether that's in a specific medium, exhibition strategy, or professional development. Start with personal connections, online mentoring programs, or professional organizations.

## 3. Join an Artist Critique Group

Regular critiques can provide constructive feedback, fresh perspectives, and motivation to keep creating. Look for groups online or in your local art community. You can also form your own group with fellow Enso Circle alumni or other artists you admire.

## 4. Find an Accountability Partner

An accountability partner can be a fellow artist who helps you stay on track with your goals. You can check in weekly or monthly to share progress, challenges, and next steps. This is especially helpful for maintaining structure if you thrive on deadlines or external motivation.

## **5. Participate in Artist Residencies or Workshops**

Consider applying for other artist residencies to explore new ideas and expand your network. Workshops can also help you learn new techniques and stay inspired.

## **6. Build or Expand Your Art Practice**

Create a routine that supports consistent work in the studio or your creative space. Set clear, achievable goals to guide your practice, whether that's creating a new series, preparing for an exhibition, or learning a new medium.

## **7. Engage in the Art Community**

Join local or online art organizations to stay connected with peers and opportunities. Attend art openings, lectures, or networking events to stay inspired and involved. Volunteer or contribute to art communities, such as hosting workshops or participating in group exhibitions.

## **8. Keep the Enso Circle Principles Alive**

Reflect on what you've learned during your residency-embrace those practices in your daily life and art practice. Maintain mindfulness, set intentions, and be open to epiphanies, just as you did during your time in the Circle.

### **Action Plan**

Take some time to reflect on which of these options resonate most with you. Write down a plan for how you'll stay connected to your creative goals over the next 6-12 months. Remember, the Enso Circle community is always here to celebrate your achievements and support you on your journey!