

How you can help

By offering skills to the planning group, or contacts to likely sources of funding.

By contributing financially - from £1 for the prize draw to a more substantial donation.

Othona is a charity (number 1154204) so individuals' gifts can be eligible for Gift Aid.

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<https://www.othonawestdorset.org.uk/four-seasons-studio-project>



Four Seasons Studio



Where do you go

- as an individual on retreat or sabbatical, to explore your creativity?
- as a family, to motivate young and old in study of the natural world, from moths to galaxies?
- as a tutor, to run a short course in anything from sculpture to candle-making, from yoga to poetry?
- as a group, to find a safe nurturing space for inter-personal work and community building?

Four Seasons Studio will be the place.

Our old art and craft room has served us well since the 1980s. But it is near the end of its life. Four Seasons Studio is our vision for a multi-purpose building to replace it.

The Vision

Even before deciding on specific design options, we knew the main points of the building we were aiming for.

- A resource for groups and individuals in the local community, as well as Othona's residential visitors.
- Extremely adaptable, combining good facilities for arts and crafts, bodywork, creative play and other educational activities.
- Considerably larger and equipped with a kitchen and toilets, unlike its predecessor.
- Fully accessible and built to high environmental standards, minimising its carbon footprint.
- An inspiration in itself to the would-be artist or visiting retreatant, in tune with its stunning natural surroundings.

The Funding

The project has already attracted funding from one grant-making trust and many individual donors. The estimated budget for completion is £200,000. So we are looking to raise up to a further £90,000.

The Building

Our architects are Fisher & Associates of Dorchester



view from the south (with fictional manicured lawns!)



view from main Othona buildings, from the west