

# NFBP Brilliance in Business Awards 2019

## The Eric Robinson Award For Young Person in Business



## Tom Sofikitis (SPUDWorks)



Tom works at SPUD, an arts and education charity which took responsibility of the ArtSway building to create SpudWORKS. The newly refurbished creative hub offers a community workshop space, gallery, artist studios as well as hosting a wide range of creative businesses renting desk and office space.

Tom is responsible for managing gallery exhibitions, workshops and public events such as the spudFILM competition and craft markets. Tom also manages several tenants who are renting desk and office spaces at spudWORKS as well as tenants leasing the newly constructed artists studios. Tom designed and updates SPUD's new website and associated social media pages. He also supports the Director of the charity whilst delivering SPUD's collaborative architectural projects.

A number of initiatives have been implemented directly from Tom's contribution. He was an integral part of the spudFILM festival earlier this year which attracted over 500 international entries and is already working towards a larger scale for event for 2020. Tom has developed this summer's Artist's Craft Market which, following a successful launch, will be repeated at Christmas.

To progress his career, Tom is enrolling upon a 2 year apprenticeship for a level 5 qualification in Operations and Departmental Management, allowing him to further progress his career within the organisation. Looking ahead there is an ambition to work on larger projects that have a tangible benefit on the local community.

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