

Home/Work

We are all suddenly adjusting to new working arrangements. Some of us are working from home for the first time, others find themselves sharing established remote working spaces with other household members. Many are also supporting home schooling and/or juggling multiple other roles. All of this is occurring in the context of uncertainty and disruption.

So how are people managing? What are the struggles and where do we find moments of invention and generosity?

Our new series asks the Parlour community to share stories of Home / Work - What is your working-from-home space like? What do you do there? What are the challenges and what benefits have you found so far? Do you have tips, strategies and suggestions to share?

To contribute to this series, simply respond to the questions to the right.

Please also supply an image of your workspace – this could be the whole area, or a detail of it, or the view from your 'desk'. It would be great if you are in the shot too (if you feel comfortable with that).

Home / Work questions

• What is your work-from-home space like?

Please describe it briefly. For example, What is its character? Where is it located? How does it connect to the rest of the house? What does it have in it? Is it a shared space or yours alone? How have you assembled this workspace? Was it carefully planned or hastily put together, or something in between? What have you done to make it comfortable and accommodating? What can you see from your workspace?

- What work do you do here?
- Did you work from home pre-COVID-19? If so, how has the experience of remote changed for you in the last few weeks?
- Have there been benefits to working from home? Please describe them?
- What have been the main challenges so far?
- What has been surprising? (either positive or negative)
- Have you discovered any tools (technological or otherwise) that have been particularly useful for remote working?
- Do you have any tips for creating successful working relationships remotely? With colleagues, clients and others?
- How are you managing the work/life juggle, and all the competing demands?
- How are you staying connected with work, friends and family?
- What strategies are you using to switch off from work?
- What strategies are you using to lift your spirits and maintain mental wellbeing?

Send your response to: hello@archiparlour.org

We look forward to hearing from you!