**OPEN CALL**

**GUIDELINES FOR “Storytelling through Walls of Connection”**

**GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**Reference IPA/169379/DD/ACT/AL**

**“ARTIVIST STAFETË PROJECT”**

**Financed by the European Union.**

**Deadline for submission of full application: 23RD DECEMBER 2022 - @17:00 Tirana Local Time**

**Open call announcement:**

MasterPeace, Stichting art.1, ACT for SOCIETY and OMSA conjointly announce the open call for STORYTELLING THROUGH WALLS OF CONNECTION, funded by the European Delegation in Albania (IPA/2020/421-822).

A minimum 5 walls much be turned into works of art (see **implementation** **requisites** below), and joined together through a narrative that tells a story related to the Artivist Stafetë project’s **criteria and objectives** (see below). Applicants will act as drivers and facilitators between the involved parties, as well as the delivery of the final result and respective communication and dissemination actions.

You can apply for a maximum of €**3,500** (including all costs)

**1. Implementation Requisites**

This open call for GRANTS is announced under the *Artivist Stafetë* project*.*

##### A minimum of 5 murals must be completed within the grant

##### The walls must measure a minimum of 6 m2 (for example 3 m2 x 2 m2)

##### The walls must be in minimum of 3 cities in Albania (must include Tirana)

##### The murals must be executed by professional artist(s) (ideally local from each city)

##### Grantees must create a closing event in one of the cities, and invite key stakeholders from the community as well as the general public. Grantees must be able to provide proof of attendance to the event.

##### Grantees must lead visibility and dissemination actions designed to reach key, relevant audiences coherent with the Artivist Stafetë project’s aims, these must include but not be limited to campaigning and social media presence.

**2. Criteria & Objectives**

**Overall aims of the open call are to:**

* Raise awareness of the stories and realities faced by young women and young members of the LGBTIQ+ community among different audiences;
* Create and disseminate instances of active citizenship so as to raise awareness on topics of gender equality, inclusion and diversity;
* Connect the general population of Albania with topics of gender equality, inclusion and diversity through artivism (activism through the arts)
* Strengthen the cooperation between young activists, artists and regional civil society organizations (outside of Tirana);

**3. Who can apply?**

* Organizations that conduct Storytelling and art initiatives.
* Registered organizations focusing on the human rights of vulnerable groups in Albania (youth, women, LGBTIQ+, Roma etc.)

**5. How and when to apply?**Interested parties may apply by sending filling in the **application** form provided and **all the requested documents**.

**Please send your applications to** [artiviststafetegrants@masterpeace.org](mailto:artiviststafetegrants@masterpeace.org)

**Additional documents:**

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| **1** | **Court Registration Act in Albania & Court Extract** |
| **2** | **Statute of the Organization** |
| **3** | **Founding Act of the organization** |
| **4** | **Active NIPT. (From E-ALBANIA).** |
| **5** | **A document issued by the Department of Taxes certifying that the organization has no pending financial obligations. (from E-ALBANIA).** |
| **7** | **CV of the organization, signed by its legal representative, including all the past and present projects (funding source and contacts, timeframe, region of coverage and partnerships)** |

**6. Who are we?**

The Artivists Stafetë project is run by two NGOs from Albania and two NGOs from The Netherlands. **Open Mind Spectrum Albania** (OMSA) is an Albanian non-governmental organization established in 2013 focusing on community work and advocacy for the LGBTIQ+ communities of Albania. It aspires to co-create an inclusive society for all Albanians, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, age, social status and health status.

The mission of **ACT for SOCIETY Center** is to enhance healthy lifestyles and stimulate the sustainable development of the Albanian society. Its work consists of promoting culture, advocating for democracy and human rights issues, connecting youth, stimulating active participation in social life as well as spearheading decision-making processes.

With an established presence in over 40 countries around the world, Dutch organization **MasterPeace** works with three core activities, all of which aim towards a sustainable future with less conflict: 1) Mobilize, inspire and connect young local talents via music, art and play; 2) Organize dialogue and bring all local stakeholders together; 3) Create perspective through leadership trainings, capacity-building programs and starting up social enterprises.

Based in Amsterdam, **Stichting art. 1** is dedicated to the visibilization and inclusion of minorities through the arts. By providing trainings in non-formal methodologies, the organization seeks to provide alternative tools and channels for sidelined voices to join mainstream narratives and democratic participation.

**Applicants do not have to have prior experience in working with the call’s target audiences (young LGBTIQ+ individuals, and young women (ages 18-30) – they must, however, demonstrate a very strong willingness to start working on inclusion, diversity and gender equality topics and in sustaining this interest in the future.**

**Please note that all applications must be submitted in English.**

For more information on this call, procedure of application and criteria of selection, please do not hesitate to email at [artiviststafetegrants@masterpeace.org](mailto:artiviststafetegrants@masterpeace.org)