**OPEN CALL**

**GUIDELINES FOR The Storytelling Collection**

**GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**Deadline for submission of full application:**

**14th FEBRUARY 2023 - @17:00 Tirana Local Time**

**Reference IPA/2020/421-822**

**“ARTIVIST STAFETË PROJECT”**

**Financed by the European Union.**

**Open call announcement:**

MasterPeace, Stichting art.1, ACT for SOCIETY and OMSA co-jointly announce the open call for **The Storytelling Collection**, funded by the European Delegation in Albania (IPA/2020/421-822).

Applicants will act as drivers and facilitators between the involved parties (project team, artivism makers, and venues), as well as the delivery of the final result and respective communication and dissemination actions.

The action must be implemented between **1 MARCH 2023 – 30 APRIL 2023**

**Final Report 10 May, no extension.**

You can apply for a maximum of **€5,000** (including all costs)

**1. Implementation Requisites**

This open call for GRANTS is announced under the *Artivist Stafetë* project*.* Grantees must comply with the following:

##### Organize a minimum of 6 storytelling events related to the thematic topics of the project (gender equality, sexual and cultural diversity, human rights).

##### The content of these events comes from the productions of the minigrants awarded within each cycle of the Artivist Stafetë project.

##### Organize activities in 6 different venues, with 6 different stakeholders.

##### Grantees must ensure the attendance of general audiences, as well as artists, actors, politicians, and human rights activists, as well as any other relevant voices in Albanian society.

##### Grantees must be able to provide proof of attendance of 300 people (6 events x 50 people)

##### 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**

**The 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:**

* NGOs that work with activism, advocacy or self-expression through the arts.
* Registered organizations focusing on the human rights of vulnerable groups in Albania (youth, women, LGBTIQ+, Roma, etc.)

**4. How and when to apply?**Interested parties may apply by 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).** |
| **6** | **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).** |

**5. Who are we?**

The Artivist 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. Applications submitted in another language than English will not qualify for assessment.**

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)

**Indicative timetable**

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|  | **DATE** | **TIME** |
| **1. Official Public Launch of the Call** | **27TH JANUARY 2023** |  |
| **2. Sending questions for the call by the email provided above.** | **3RD FEBRUARY 2023** | **17:00** |
| **3. Deadline for submission of applications** | **14TH FEBRUARY 2023** | **17:00** |
| **4. Information to lead applicants on the results.** | **22TH FEBRUARY 2023** | **17.00** |
| **5. Contract signature** | **27TH FEBRUARY 2023** |  |