

HERMITAGE SYKAMINEA

OPEN CALL

Residence Programme 2024

Application period: 01 - 31 May 2023

This year, the first Open Call for the residency programme of the Hermitage Sykaminea (HS) is taking place. The aim of the programme is to provide space for teamwork in the fields of crafts, architecture, design and arts. Preference will be given to projects with a local and/or ecological content. However, this is not a prerequisite for application. Scholarships will be awarded to two groups for the year 2024.

The HS is located outside the village of Sykaminea, secluded in a 4000sqm olive grove in the north of the island of Lesbos. It consists of two wooden houses and a pergola. It was founded in 2016 as a place for retreat. Between 2020-22 it has been restructured and became a gathering point for creativity.

Application requirements

- Support will be given to groups that are already working on a project or are about to start one and need a place to work in concentration. The group should have worked together in the past and have completed projects.
- Groups of up to a maximum of 8 people can be accommodated.
- Attendance is compulsory.

Duration of the residency

Two periods of 3 and 2 months are available:

First period: 01 April - 30 June 2024

Second period: 01 October - 30 November 2024

Accommodation

A maximum of 8 people can stay in four bedrooms (two double bedrooms, each with a double bed

mattress, one room with two single beds, one house with two single beds and kitchen). There are two bathrooms. A pergola with kitchen and living room forms the common area of the HS. In the olive grove there are covered but open spaces that can be used as workplaces.

Work equipment and assistance

At the beginning of the residency, an introductory event is held for the scholarship holders. After that, we are available once a week to answer questions. In monthly island excursions, the scholarship holders are informed about the history and the current political situation on the island. We do not offer support for the individual work of the scholarship holders, but are happy to help with contacting the local community and providing information on the procurement of materials. The scholarship holders are responsible for their own meals.

Fees and support

Once the application has been selected, the HS will seek funding for the residency. After successful funding of the residency, the selected group receives an application commitment. The group will receive a grant consisting of travel expenses, a daily allowance and accommodation. The scholarship holders are responsible for their own food, mobility on the island and work materials.

Expectations towards the working group

We expect a public presentation at the end of the residency, showing the results of the stay.

Application information

Application period: 01.05. - 31.05.2023

Application deadline: 31.05.2023, 23:59 EET

Applications by e-mail to:

info@hermitage-sykaminea.org

Application documents:

- Individual CV for each group member (max. 2 DIN A4 pages in PDF format)
- Project description (max. 2 DIN A4 pages in PDF format)
- Portfolio (max. 10 DIN A4 pages in PDF format)
- Indication of the group's website (if available)
- Indication of the desired period of stay between April-May and October-November

Only submissions of applications that are complete will be reviewed. All applicants will receive a notification with the result of their applications by 31.12.2023 (approximately)

Selection criteria

The jury consists of four people, some of whom live on Lesbos. The selection of the application is made according to the following criteria:

- Relation of the application to an ecological theme and the island of Lesbos
- Sustainability of the project
- Quality of the group's previous projects
- Relevance of your proposed project

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