

Stechlin-Dialoge 2021**Short term scholarships for non-profit-organizations and artists at the Stechlin-Institut**

The Stechlin-Institut activates the social potential of artistic thinking. It enables experiences in which curiosity, art and society get linked, in order to encourage social commitment with unusual perspectives.

We offer a place without prejudice, a house full of perspectives, to give space to artists and people with initiative, where they can exchange, reflect, and develop in the serenity of nature. The former Prussian mansion of Neuroofen provides the setting for that. It lies 80km north of Berlin, right in the middle of the forest and near the crystal clear Lake Stechlin.

We invite you to spend time here – and can't wait for great encounters!

When: from 2 days, from January to December 2021

Who: Teams of non-profit organizations and charitable initiatives, social entrepreneurs, people with social commitment; artists and artist groups who deal with the social potential of their work; we can house up to 20 people comfortably; if you are more than that just get in touch, so that we may try coordinating your stay according to your spatial needs. You are welcome to visit both in teams or as individual guests.

Where: At the Stechlin-Institut, north of Berlin in the forests of Brandenburg near Lake Stechlin; reached easily with public transportation; not yet barrier-free.

How: Just get in touch at info@stechlin-institut.org or +49 33 082 40 29 73.

What: The Stechlin-Institut offers the possibility for a focussed work stay, either individually or with your team. Specifically, we provide you with a place, so that you reach a self-imposed goal. A place for encounters, ideal for dealing with your own questions, recharging your batteries, getting inspired together, hopping into crystal clear lakes, and spending whole nights gazing at the stars.

The spacious house is equipped with a kitchen, bathrooms, beds, wifi, and all kinds of things you may need. There are herbs in the fields, a bakery truck in the village, in the neighboring village there is an eco farm where you can harvest your veggies yourselves, in the forest there are berries, herbs, and mushrooms, by the lake a fisherman, and for venison a forester.

Additionally to staying here, you will enter an alumni network informing of future support programs and inviting to network meetings.

Our vision: We are convinced of the power of artistic thinking and social commitment. To think outside the box and question supposedly unshakeable matters are a necessity and resource for positive social change. Because of that, we invite you to spend this season together in Stechlin.

Admission: Your contribution to the costs is 25 Euro /Person/Day, reduced price 20 Euro. Please note our conditions for cancellations.

Bed linens: Please bring your own. Also because of eco-reasons. Otherwise you get them from us for 7 EUR Everything plus 7 % VAT.

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Application

Name of your group:

Email:

Website:

Focus issues of your work:

Focus group of your work:

Year of foundation:

Form of organization (optional):

Short description, what do you do?

What do you want to work on during your stay? What is the effect of the stay on your commitment?

Wish dates (from 2 days between 01.01.2021 - 31.12.2021):

With how many people do you want to stay?:

Your contactperson:

Email:

Phone:

Your invoicing address:

Privacy:

I agree that the Stechlin-Institut can publish a description of my project in the context of its documentation as well as the final report about the season. Furthermore I agree to submit 3-5 Photos to be used for public relations activities.

I agree that the Stechlin-Institut can send me information about events and possibilities of funding or participation regularly (twice a year). For this purpose, it may save my email address beyond the time of my application resp. participation (alumni newsletter). There is no transmission of this data to other parties.

I agree to the general terms and conditions of Stechlin-Institut as written at www.stechlin-institut.org/gtc

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FAQ

➤ **Is there a program?**

No. We provide you with a place so that you may reach a self-imposed goal while you're here. Every participant brings their own creative competence with them. We are convinced: everybody is able to use their time well without expectations and requirements, in an unobtrusive and supportive community and sensitive setting.

Of course there are so many things to do here: from cooking, swimming, hiking, biking, and sailing to gathering berries, herbs, and mushrooms, and chopping wood. This is the foundation for asking you to shape your own stay. The place allows for retreat and encounter – the community offers motivation and perspective.

➤ **Are we expected to apply with a collaborative project we want to do with the artist/the initiative who will be there with us?**

No. On the contrary. There will be no other request than to arrive. We hope that you can use your stay to work on what you are really excited about in your own work. Artists and initiatives live together in the same house, meet each other during the daily chores and meals, follow their self-imposed schedules, maybe exchange knowledge and inspire each other, but how far this encounter goes absolutely depends on the situation and you.

➤ **If we don't know for sure yet when we could come, is it ok to write to you later on spontaneously?**

Yes. Definitely. If there is space when you want to visit, you will be very welcome.

➤ **May we also come with more than 20 people?**

Yes. If you are more than that, you can camp in the house or, during the summer, in the fields around the house, but you will have to bring sleeping bags and other equipment yourselves.

➤ **May we also attend if we are not organized legally?**

Yes. Absolutely. What counts is your commitment.

➤ **Is the Stechlin-Institut a luxury hotel?**

You can see many stars above the Stechlin-Institut. More than anywhere else in Germany. Apart from that, there are three toilets, three showers, many beds and mattresses, and the walls are adorned with naked plaster. You can move your beds freely around the house. Most rooms are spacious and open – this means, there are next to no single or double rooms. The dining table fits everyone easily, the fireside room overflows with couches, and tiled fireplaces serve to make the house very cozy. Around the house lies a huge field of grass with fruit trees giving shade in the summer.

➤ **How is the digital connection?**

There is a broadband wifi connection installed in the house, but mobile reception sucks. Calling works in designated areas outside.

➤ **Is food supplied as part of the scholarship?**

No. But there are local producers all around. The Faradgang initiative from Berlin fixed a bunch of bikes for the Institut which you can use to explore the area and go on food hunts. To the Stechlin eco farmers, fishermen, foresters, supermarkets, bakers, or bee-keepers...