

Stechlin-Dialoge

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 15 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, two 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 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...