

FAQ

Open Call - "Art and Planning" of the Landesgartenschau Neuss 2026 GmbH

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Will participation in the Open Call be remunerated?

Participation in the "Art and Planning" Open Call of the Landesgartenschau Neuss 2026 GmbH will not be remunerated.

Are site visits as part of the Open Call possible?

The Neusser Bürgerpark is a freely accessible public park and can be visited at any time, as well as the future location of the "Anchor Point on the Rhine River" landmark.

The Totalisator is located at the western entrance of the Neusser Bürgerpark and can be inspected from the outside at any time. Unfortunately, it is not possible to enter the interior spaces. The so-called "Place of Religions" is situated in the northern part of the park. The site can be reached on foot, since it is walking distance from the Neuss city center, as well as by public transport and car.

Will travel costs be covered?

Site visits within the framework of the Open Call can be made on your own initiative, however, any occurring travel expenses will not be covered.

Is there an age limit for participants?

There is no age restriction for participants. We welcome applications from artists at the beginning of their careers as well as from established artists. The only important factor is whether the artist has already gained experience with art in public space, which can be demonstrated through the CV and reference works.

How do I apply to participate in the workshop procedure?

Applications to participate in the workshop procedure as part of the Open Call must be submitted digitally. The application documents should be sent via email to opencall@landesgartenschau-neuss.de.

What documents do I need to submit with my application?

The application requires a motivation letter (in German or English, max. 2 pages), a CV (max. 1 page per artist), and three reference projects (a total of max. 8 pages). The documents must be compiled into a single PDF file (max. 10 MB) and sent as an attachment via email. At this stage of the process, no concept sketches or artistic proposals need to be submitted.

How can I ask further questions?

Questions about the process must be submitted via email to opencall@landesgartenschau-neuss.de. The answers will then be published in the FAQs on the Landesgartenschau Neuss 2026 GmbH website for all interested parties to view.

Can I apply for all three tasks?

In the motivation letter, you must clearly indicate which of the three tasks you are applying for. If you are interested in all three tasks, please indicate the respective prioritization in your motivation letter.

Who is eligible to participate in the Open Call?

All professional artists are eligible to participate in the Open Call. It is also possible to apply as an interdisciplinary collective. Proof of professionalism can be provided through your CV.

Are there any regional restrictions for applicants?

No, the Open Call is open for all professional artists and interdisciplinary collectives. In addition to those based locally in Neuss and its surrounding area, national and international applicants are also invited to participate in the Open Call.

Are there deadlines for the Open Call?

The application documents must be submitted via email to the Landesgartenschau Neuss 2026 GmbH at opencall@landesgartenschau-neuss.de by September 19, 2024, at 24:00. Late submissions cannot be accepted due to procedural legal reasons. It is advisable to send your application early and generate a confirmation of receipt with a timestamp.

How are the artists participating in the workshop procedure selected?

The interdisciplinary selection committee consists of five members, each bringing different expertise from the fields of art and planning to the decision-making process. The selection committee will conduct a selection meeting to assess the applications based on pre-determined criteria and make the final decision on the nine artists or interdisciplinary collectives that will be invited to participate in the workshop procedure.

What happens if I am selected to participate in the workshop procedure?

If you or your interdisciplinary collective are selected to participate in the workshop procedure, you will be notified immediately after the selection meeting. You will then receive an official invitation along with the terms and conditions for the workshop procedure. A kickoff workshop will take place on the park site in Neuss in mid-October.

Is participation in the kickoff workshop within the workshop procedure mandatory?

Participation in the kickoff workshop in Neuss on Thursday, October 10, 2024 (all day), is mandatory for all invited artists and interdisciplinary collectives. In addition to general information exchange, the workshop will include discussions with planners and experts from the Landesgartenschau Neuss 2026 GmbH. If participation is not possible due to scheduling conflicts, individual site visits with the Landesgartenschau Neuss 2026 GmbH can be arranged as an exception.

Is participation in the workshop procedure remunerated?

The nine invited artists or interdisciplinary collectives – three artists or collectives per task – will each receive a compensation of 1,000.00 Euros net. Participation in the kickoff workshop in Neuss is also covered with this compensation. Travel expenses for the one-time round trip to Neuss will be reimbursed in accordance with the travel cost regulations of the state of North Rhine-Westphalia.