

## Open call for applications 2014: Unesco-Aschberg bursaries for Artists Programme

### UNIDEE in Residence and UNESCO-Aschberg UNIDEE in Residence 2014

10 June - 10 October 2014

Cittadellarte-Fondazione Pistoletto in partnership with the UNESCO-Aschberg Bursaries for Artists Programme offers a fully supported residency for a young committed visual/ video artists, photographers, architects, animators from Asia, Africa and Latin America. The fellowship is co-financed by UNESCO-Aschberg and the Cittadellarte-Fondazione Pistoletto.



Cittadellarte-Fondazione Pistoletto is a non-profit organisation endorsed by the region of Piedmont, Northern Italy. Since 1998, Cittadellarte-Fondazione Pistoletto has run the UNIDEE in Residence International Programme.

UNIDEE is an interdisciplinary program, open to all creative professionals, from visual artists to cultural actors, designers to architects and all those whose practice centres around taking a responsible stance in society. *The aim of UNIDEE is to activate a capacity for transformation in a framework that is both local (Biella) and international (the countries of the UNIDEE residents).* UNIDEE seeks to explore the relationship between Art and Society and fosters the role of artists and creative practitioners as activators of a responsible social change in society

During UNIDEE, the residents initiate projects of responsible social transformation and actively participate in meetings and seminars held by experts in various fields: artists, professors, entrepreneurs, and researchers. Events at Cittadellarte such as exhibitions, conferences, performances, and workshops represent an integral part of the time spent at UNIDEE.

Focus points are:

Collaboration and cooperation among UNIDEE residents and the local population in a common project of Responsible Social Transformation through art and creativity. During UNIDEE the residents will also have the possibility to concentrate on their ideas, receive feedback, establish contacts, and meet experts and artists who work in similar ways.

At the end of the four months there will be a public presentation entitled "UNIDEE in Progress", displaying the development of the projects. The residents will have the possibility to work together for the preparation and realization of an experimental event and share their conceptual and operational capabilities.

**Conditions for eligibility:**

Age: between 25 and 35

**Candidates:**

committed visual / video artists, photographers, architects, animators, from Asia, Africa and Latin America.

**Language:**

Good knowledge of English is ESSENTIAL (we might ask for a Skype interview)

**Deadline for application:**

**24th October 2013**

Results will be published on UNIDEE website ([www.cittadellarte.it/unidee](http://www.cittadellarte.it/unidee)) by the end of February 2014

**Studio information:**

Available to UNIDEE residents is a common studio space (a 700 square meter loft), a room for meetings and seminars, library and cafeteria (who provide breakfast, lunch and dinner, inclusive in the price of the residency).

**Accommodation information:**

Private, single room boarding and shared bathroom facilities.

**Dates of Residency:**

UNIDEE in Residence 2014 will take place from 10th June until 10th October 2014.

**Expenses to be paid by artist:**

Individual travelling expenses (extracurricular trips during the 4 month period)

Personal expenses

Insurance Costs

Visa & Temporary permit to stay (if required)

Any materials or exhibitions created outside of the budget given must be paid for by the individual.

Paid by host:

Please look in the section full financial support or partial support on UNIDEE website.

**Expenses covered by the program:**

Seminars and workshops

Excursions

Lectures, tutorials and technical support

Activities organised throughout the program by UNIDEE

Board and lodging for each individual artist on the premises for the duration of the residency

There will be a limited budget specifically for the set up of exhibitions forming part of the UNIDEE program, any expenses incurred outside of this limited budget must be covered by the individual residents themselves.

The round air-ticket offered by UNESCO-Aschberg is the lowest available in the market.

**Application Guidelines and Criteria:**

A maximum of 14 places are available each year. Artists, designers, cultural actors, architects and researchers who fit the profile are welcome to apply. The basic prerequisite is a degree at university level, or to be in the process of graduating. If the applicant does not have a university degree, proof of equivalent ability must be provided through his or her artistic career. Participant age ranges from 25 to 35.

NB. The projects that will be sent to the selection jury will be used as examples of how each applicant works and not as a specific proposal for work to be carried out during the 4 month residence.

**Material to be submitted for UNIDEE in residence 2014:**

A completed and signed application form

Curriculum vitae

A letter of personal motivation (objectives, needs and expectations (Max. 2 pages))

A letter of recommendation

An example of a past/on going project to give an idea of your work and methodology

Further information about the application processes on [www.cittadellarte.it/unidee](http://www.cittadellarte.it/unidee)

Deadline:

October 24 2013

We are looking for artists who are social activators and in particular projects that help to promote a socially responsible transformation in society and open to collaboration both within the residence itself and the greater community. Also someone who is interested in developing new models of culture production, models in connection with interdisciplinary fields such as art, architecture, design, anthropology, urbanism, economy etc etc .

We do not accept artists who are studio based and whose practice is based solely on the production of paintings/sculptures etc destined for galleries. We are looking for someone who commits to being here in Cittadellarte for the FULL period of 4 months, therefore someone who wants to use us as a base for travel and research in other countries is not suitable.

All applicants are invited to consult the blogs of UNIDEE's last three editions in order to understand which kind of projects could be run during the Residence period.

**Applications must be submitted to:**

UNIDEE in Residence - UNESCO Aschberg Programme

Cittadellarte-Fondazione Pistoletto

Via Serralunga, 27 | 13900 Biella – Italy

Or by email: [unidee@cittadellarte.it](mailto:unidee@cittadellarte.it)