

Open call for the program at nGbK in 2024

Submissions deadline: midnight on March 12, 2023
By email only (max. 2 MB) to: projektantrag@ngbk.de

neue Gesellschaft
für bildende Kunst

Online information events in German on February 14, 18:30,
and in English on February 28, 18:30 (please register by mail: office@ngbk.de).
Further details at: www.ngbk.de

Curatorial work in collective structures

Founded with a grassroots structure in 1969, the neue Gesellschaft für bildende Kunst (new society for contemporary art, <https://ngbk.de/en/institution>) develops exhibitions, events, and educational formats that addresses structures of power. With projects on fascism, migration, gender, the city/public space, critiques of capitalism, and discussions on the political function of art, the nGbK participates actively in a diverse urban society.

At an annual general assembly, the society's members vote on the program for the following year. Individual projects are realized by work groups of at least three existing or new members. (At present, the nGbK statutes call for at least five members. An amendment has been tabled for the general assembly on March 20, 2023. If it is not passed, two additional members would have to be nominated.) These work groups receive advice from the office staff and support with financial controlling, public relations, acquisition of external funds, and the production of presentations, publications, etc.

This open call invites interested parties to submit project proposals in one of three categories (see below) by March 12, 2023 (all proposals to be submitted by email), from which the general assembly on May 6, 2023, will select the program for 2024.

The open call for curatorial projects accepts proposals from the field of fine art and neighboring disciplines. All projects must ensure continual visibility and ongoing activity in the nGbK space. Besides exhibitions, this may consist of events and other presentation formats.

The society's activities and program take place at our future location on Alexanderplatz, at the station urbaner kulturen/nGbK Hellersdorf, in public space and online, and in cooperation with other institutions. The selected work groups have one vote each on the coordination committee.

Proposals can be submitted in three categories with different conditions. Projects can last one or two years, either fully funded by the nGbK or with initial funding only. The three categories are described in detail below:

Category A: one year

- Work groups may consist of experienced project organisers and of persons wishing to gain initial experience in project realization.
- One year.
- Max. total budget 74,999 euro, available from January 2024.
- Ongoing activity in the exhibition space (e.g. exhibition or event series) over the duration of the project.
- In case of maximum budget, a duration of nine weeks is assumed.
- Projects planning a non-exhibition format or a shorter duration must plan a smaller budget.
- The general assembly will choose at least two projects in this category.

Category B: two years

- When submitting a project in this category, evidence of curatorial experience on the part of the majority of group's members must be provided.
- Two years: 2024–2025.
- In justified exceptional cases, and in consultation with office staff/general assembly, such projects can be extended to three years: 2024–2026
- Max. total budget 95,000 euro (two years); max. 20,000 euro for the first year
- The project should be co-operative and provide the possibility of networking with other institutional partners or initiatives outside of the nGbK.
- This category allows groups to work in-depth on theoretical, cultural, and sociopolitical themes, and/or to work across disciplines.
- The duration of such a project permits the preparation of further applications for external funding and additional institutional partnerships.
- In the first year, an adequate public presentation of the project must take place at the nGbK, in which the knowledge produced to date is rendered visible.
- In the second year–2025–an activity in the nGbK exhibition space (exhibition, event series, etc.) must be ensured.
- The general assembly will choose at least one project in this category.

- After year one, realization of year two subject to budgetary situation of the nGbK and renewed general assembly approval (statement of accounts and confirmation).

Category C: external funding

- When submitting projects in this category, at least one member of the work group must provide evidence of curatorial experience in the form of max. three reference projects.
- Only in this category can proposals be submitted by individuals, who prepare the formation of a work group and apply for external funding.
- This category facilitates the preparation of a larger project by providing funds in advance of applications for further project-specific external funds.
- Two years: 2024–2025.
- If needed, 5000 euro are available in 2023 as initial funding for the application phase (Kulturstiftung des Bundes, Hauptstadtkulturfonds, joint-venture funding) and, once external funding has been secured, up to 20,000 euro of internal funding for 2024.
- The project realization phase must start in 2024. In 2025, external funds having been successfully secured, activity must take place in the nGbK exhibition space (exhibition, event series, etc.). The realization period may be two years, but the internal funding will only be available in 2024.
- The general assembly will choose at least one project in this category.

Each work group whose project is selected must submit a full set of annual accounts at the half-year general assembly, as well as reporting regularly to the coordination committee.

Allocation of funds for 2024 and 2025 is subject to the budgetary situation of the nGbK.

Additional checklists, a fee scale, and various templates are available by mail from the office team (office@ngbk.de) or at www.ngbk.de.

Important dates

Tuesday, February 14, 2023, 18:30

– in German and online

General information event for project proposals.

Please register by email: office@ngbk.de

Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 18:30

– in English and online

General information event for project proposals.

Please register by email: office@ngbk.de

Thursday, March 2 through Thursday March 30, 2023

nGbK office staff available for inquiries by phone:

Tuesdays 09:00–11:00 and Thursdays 15:00–17:00,

on +49 (0)30 616 513-0

Sunday, March 12, 2023, midnight

Submission deadline for project proposals

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Friday, Saturday, Sunday, March 17/18/19, 2023

Consultation meetings on all proposals with members of the nGbK

Monday, April 3, 2023, 09:00

Submission deadline for revised project proposals

Monday, May 2, 2023

Deadline for submission of applications for nGbK membership, necessary for anyone wishing to vote on project selection at the general assembly.

April 25 – May 5, 2023, 12:00–18:00

Online presentation of submitted project proposals by applicants

Saturday, May 6, 2023, from 09:00

163rd general assembly with selection of projects (in-person only or with an online element, tba), brief presentations of proposals by work group representatives, who will also answer the questions of nGbK members.

June 2023

Work by group members on coordination committee/board (KOA) begins.