

Call Stiftung Shanti

At the Stiftung Shanti, we are committed to making encounters between people possible. We are talking about encounters that are new and surprising. We are talking about encounters beyond our comfort zone.

In the face of a perceived divide in society, our social interaction is at the centre of daily events. It is commonplace that mutual understanding, respect, and acceptance need to be strengthened. The real challenge lies in recognising and overcoming prejudices that are simply assumed and reproduced. To do this, we need situations of encounter in which people with different perspectives can come together on an equal footing. We need spaces of encounter in which people can have their own positive experiences with each other.

It is more important than ever to test and research sustainable formats of encounter. We need suitable methods and tools so that people can influence and inspire each other. In order to bring people together in the first place, we need creative approaches to reach them.

We are looking for personalities from culture and civil society who analyse the existing and explore the new. We offer two opportunities for this:

1. As part of a ***scholarship*** for a journalistic or literary reportage, you will research formats of encounter and take a critical look at them.

How can social sensitivities and established narratives be captured and reflected upon? What solutions are there and how are they disseminated? How and where can encounters succeed and make a difference?

The scholarship runs for one year. It is endowed with 1.000 euros per month and is not tied to a specific location. A maximum budget of 1.000 euros is available for travelling expenses. As a result, the Stiftung Shanti expects a completed journalistic or literary report to be published on the website of the Stiftung Shanti.

2. As part of a ***project*** funded by us, you as an association, organisation or NGO will test formats of encounter and evaluate their results.

There are many daily contacts. There are many perspectives. But how can people be supported in not just shielding or consuming other perspectives, but in taking them seriously and respecting them? What methods, formats and locations are needed to enable successful encounters?

A budget of up to 30.000 euros per year is available for a project. The funding period can be up to two years.

Formal criteria

For *scholarships*

Please submit the following documents:

- A short curriculum vitae in tabular form
- An existing and self-contained text or a work sample of a maximum of 5 pages
- A short outline of an idea for a report on the above-mentioned topic

For *projects*

Please submit a project outline with the following information:

- Applicant (name, job title, organisation, address, telephone number, email)
- Brief description of the project with target group and objectives (1-2 pages)
- Brief description of the duration, methods and evaluation
- Funding amount requested from the Stiftung Shanti

As soon as we have received your outline, it will be evaluated. This will take about two months. We will contact you if we have any further questions.

Each project must be sent as a single document in PDF format to the following address:

klein@stiftung-shanti.de.

Deadline

May 15th 2024