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ARENA: SUMMER SCHOOL FOR PEACE AND ART



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Arena: Community Theatre & Public Art.



The Project's German Partner - OWEN - Mobile Akademie für Geschlechterdemokratie und Friedensförderung e.V.



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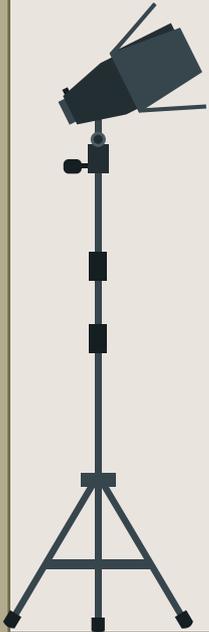


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RENA: Community Theatre and Public Art is a three-year project launched in 2015. The project is aimed at improving the impact of peace building on both the local and regional levels through developing creative, art based strategies that have been proven to be locally suitable but which have cross-cultural potential.

ARENA is creating a safe and supportive platform and network for civil society actors from the Caucasus Region, Russian Federation and Ukraine in order to further empower civil society groups to develop joint strategies and methodological tool-kits to continue their work, based on the principal of **'do no harm'**.

ARENA: Summer School for Peace and Art will be organized this year in the framework of this project. It is a joint initiative of the project implementing team and its participants. The Summer School is for activists, independent artists, and creative people from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Russia and Ukraine. From the 7th to 16th of July of 2016, the project implementing team will organize a fully funded 10-day Summer School in Georgia.



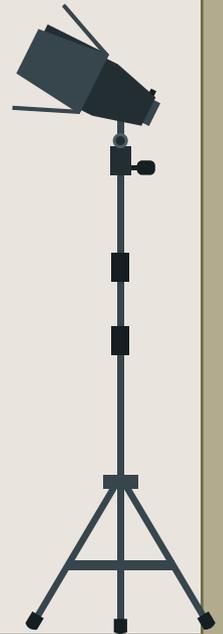
actors →



WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES?

- The summer school will be a platform for cooperation, collaboration, mutual learning and support for civil society actors, independent creative people and artists.
- It will provide one of very few networking opportunities for representatives from the conflict affected Eastern Partnership countries where together, they will create artistic products that focus on the issues of militarism, propaganda, injustice, repression against civil society actors, and the development of more democratic societies.
- The creative results of the Summer School such as posters, short videos, films or theatrical performances will be made available to local communities as tools for initiating open public discussions on these issues.
- Donor organizations throughout the region will have a unique opportunity to meet and engage with interesting and creative peace activists and artists in hands-on workshops that will explore the use of art for social dialogue and change.

← *forum-theatre joker*



WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

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filmmaker →

Approximately 35 independent actors, artists, filmmakers, cartoonists or other innovators from throughout the region will attend the summer school. If you are a creative from the countries mentioned above and interested in peacebuilding or human rights activism - ARENA is the right place to go and meet your colleagues from other regions and countries. You will learn about their existing practice, learn from existing experience, get into contact with peace activists and artists from all over the region. Your involvement in the project will help empower and develop leadership capacities and the ability to encourage and activate other community members to become more active and involved citizens. During the selection process, the recommendations of the first year ARENA project participants will be taken into consideration.

The criteria for selection are persons involved in art or creative activities such as theatre, creative design, animation or filmmaking who are at least 18 years old, have good access to and are trusted persons in their local communities. Our target is to have a gender balanced group of participants. Participants must be fluent in English or Russian.

human rights
activist →



WHAT WILL BE AFTER THE SUMMER SCHOOL?

graphic designer →

peace activist →

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xchange projects between the participants' groups will be developed and the most promising two will be funded based on quality and relevance to the ARENA project's goals. This part of the summer school will create opportunities to learn and support, transfer new theoretical knowledge and develop stronger networks of like-minded actors.

A primary goal of this part of the school is to help the participants observe and analyse the interconnections between political and social developments in different countries in order to create a platform for the development of joint strategies for peace activists.



video blogger →

ORGANIZERS:



Peace Dialogue NGO, founded in 2009, was registered in Armenia to unite experienced peace activists and support the active participation of civil society in the processes of peaceful conflict transformation. It promotes multilayer dialogues in order to create consciousness among members of society so that they themselves are responsible for peace and that they are fully vested with the right to demand peace from the authorities. The organization works on local, regional and international levels in four main strategic directions: formation of peace-building potential, formation of respect for human rights and democratic values, promotion of civil peace initiatives, and advocacy on behalf of victims of conflicts.



OWEN – Mobile Academy for Gender Democracy and Peace Promotion e.V. was established in 1992 by women activists of the peace movement in East Germany. OWEN has worked with Eastern European women and peacebuilding organizations for many years. As the founder of the network Omnibus1325, the organisation maintains sustainable cooperation and partnerships in the region. OWEN supports peacebuilding processes in Southern Russia, Ukraine, Georgia and Armenia with training and education in the area of biography and history, memory work, forum and community theatre, systematisation of experience and dialogue activities for peacebuilding. OWEN is combining its international peace-promoting activities with community-based initiatives and educational work in Berlin.

← photojournalist

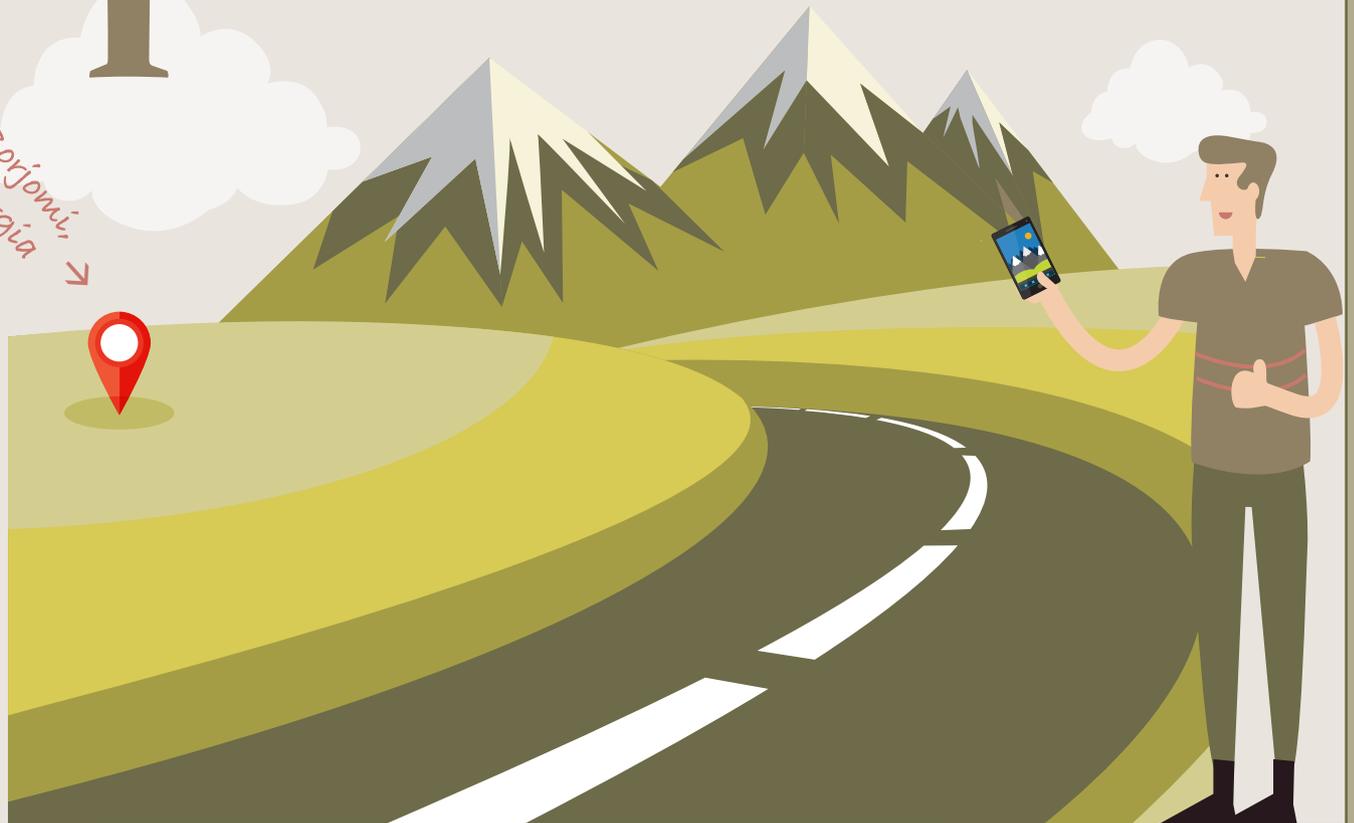


WHERE THE SUMMER SCHOOL WILL BE HELD?

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he event will be held in a resort town in south-central Georgia called Borjomi. The resort is situated within one of the most beautiful gorges in the Borjomi district. **Please note that only the selected candidates will receive information about the actual venue and the daily agenda for the Summer School.**

Borjomi,
Georgia →



HOW TO APPLY?

All interested parties should submit a Letter of Interest in accordance with the form below.

Letters of interest should be submitted in MS WORD format.

The deadline for submission is 5:00 pm, Friday, 29 April, 2016.

Completed applications should be e-mailed to mailbox@peacedialogue.am with the subject line **"Summer School"**.

Please note that only selected candidates will be contacted.

For questions and comments, please apply to Inga Luther at luther@owen-berlin.de (in German or English) or Armine Zakaryan at zarmine@peacedialogue.am (in Russian or English).

Surname, First Name:

Address:

Date of Birth:

Gender:

Country of Residence:

Email:

Current Occupation:

Position:

How are the Summer School's objectives linked to your current work? (Max 100 words)

What motivates you to participate in this Summer School? (Max 150 words)

How you are going to apply the gained experience in your community? (Max 150 words)



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