

## Announcement of residencies for 2027 and 2028

### Three-month residency for international artists (m/f/o) at Westwerk, Hamburg, Germany

The Hamburg Ministry for Culture and Media is inviting applications for 8 three-month residencies in 2027 and 2028 in the Westwerk artists' centre in Hamburg.

The residency is a residential and work grant that requires the artist to live and work at Westwerk and facilitates both work on an artistic project and networking with the Hamburg cultural scene.

Westwerk is centrally located in inner-city Hamburg, in a relatively large complex of buildings on Fleetinsel that houses further studios, galleries and a small theatre. (<https://www.westwerk.org/>)

### Benefits

Rent-free provision of the 68 m<sup>2</sup> residency flat (1 large room with separate simply furnished living/working area, kitchen and shared bathroom) with WiFi.

The Ministry for Culture and Media will pay the rent for the flat during the residencies and an additional expense allowance of €900 per month per

artist in residence plus travel expenses for one return journey. Grants are intended for one person.

Westwerk e.V. will be responsible for mentoring the respective artists in residence. Westwerk is an open artists' centre with regular art and music events. This enables contacts to be made, including to the Hamburg cultural scene.

Grant recipients must take out health and personal liability insurance at their own expense for the period of residence; residence permits/visas if necessary are also the responsibility of grant recipients. Presence is mandatory during the residency.

Additionally, the artists will each receive a one-off subsidy of €500 per residency towards the costs of running and organising a final presentation. The place and format of the final presentation will be agreed with Westwerk. Smaller exhibitions and media-based presentations of artistic work as part of a public event are also conceivable, as are lectures, presentations of work or discussions with artists in the bar room or possibly in the hall and will be supported by Westwerk.

### Organisation

The artists' centre is not affiliated to a hotel business and so grant recipients will be personally responsible for the care of the premises. Preparation of meals is also the recipients' own responsibility. Recipients will be expected to treat the furnishings and fixtures of the accommodation with care, and the continuation of the arrangement will be dependent on this; this must be confirmed in writing. There is a no-smoking policy on the premises and unfortunately no family members or pets are permitted to live there.

During their stays, artists will have the opportunity to explore and get to know Hamburg.

## Application criteria

Professional international solo artists age 23 or older residing outside Germany working in the fields of visual arts and photography who are interested in Hamburg's cultural scene and wish to build a cultural network in Hamburg are invited to apply for the residencies.

Film, multimedia, and music must have a connection to visual arts. This residency is not intended for curators.

Applicants should already have some experience abroad.

## Applications

Applications can only be submitted online (in German or English):

[https://am.hamburg.de/intelliform/forms/HH/standard/pro\\_elan\\_residency/pro\\_elan\\_residency/index](https://am.hamburg.de/intelliform/forms/HH/standard/pro_elan_residency/pro_elan_residency/index)

(Access to the application will be activated on July 1, 2026)

### Following documents are requested:

- informal covering letter with contact details (max. 1 page of A4)
- personal statement including project outline (max. 2 pages of A4)
- curriculum vitae in tabular form
- proof of private personal liability insurance (to be handed in after confirmation)
- evidence of artistic work, max. 5 MB (photos, catalogues, media reports/reviews, website, etc.). Please do not submit links.

Information about the desired residency period. Several periods can be selected:

- A) 1 January – 31 March 2027
- B) 1 April – 30 June 2027
- C) 1 July – 30 September 2027
- D) 1 October – 31 December 2027
- E) 1 January – 31 March 2028
- F) 1 April – 30 June 2028
- G) 1 July – 30 September 2028
- H) 1 October – 31 December 2028

There is no guarantee that the applicant's preferred date will be granted, however we will try to meet the applicant's date requirements.

Following the residency, the grant recipient will be expected to produce a written report on experience gained and make this available for the Ministry for Culture and Media to use no later than one month following completion of the residency.

**The submission deadline is August 27, 2026, at 23:59 CET.**

A knowledgeable jury will decide on the award of the residencies. Their decision will be announced Mid-October 2026.

### Note:

Please note that due to the large number of applications, no rejection emails will be sent out.

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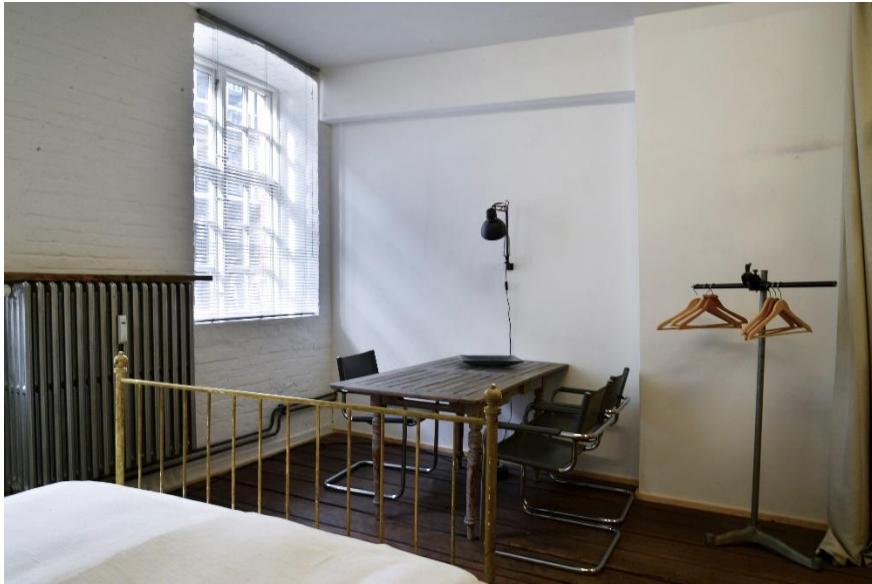
## The Sleeping-Livingroom



## The Fleet | Westside



**The Sleeping-Livingroom**



**The Studio**



## The Kitchen

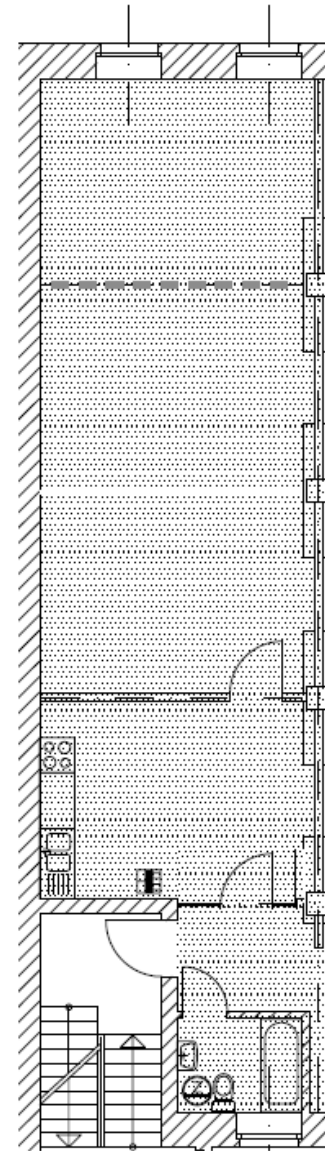


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## Bathroom (joint use)



## The Groundview | 68qm + 8qm Bathroom



Sleeping-Living Room

Studio

Kitchen

Entrance

Bathroom (joint use)

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