

Call for Applications: Local Gathering Hosts - Sharing Community Meeting Point 2024

Key Information

Opportunity	Join a sharing community of people hosting a local gathering as part of Meeting Point 2024, then take part in the in-person program in Hanoi from March 21st - 23rd 2024
Designed for	Grassroots event organisers and producers, open to connecting themselves and their communities to a regional community of practice
From	Asia
Total participants	10-12 hosts* <i>Hosts can be individuals, partnerships, collectives or organisations</i>
Structure & timeline	Exchange workshops for Local Gathering Hosts (2 hours per month online between November 2023 and February 2024, and 1 full day in-person in Hanoi on March 20th 2024) Organise a Local Gathering in your local community (any time between March 8th - March 16th 2024) One representative of each Local Gathering Host team participates in the Meeting Point in-person (March 21st - 23rd 2024)
Important dates	Applicants must be available for all the published program dates, including: * Virtual exchange sessions on 11th November, 14th December, 11th January and 22nd February * Participation in in-person exchange workshop + Meeting Point in Hanoi (March 19th -24th including travel days)
Working language:	English
Support offered:	Grant of between \$500 USD - \$1,500 USD to organise your gathering All costs for one representative per Gathering to attend the Meeting Point in Hanoi
Deadline to apply:	September 10th 2023

Program outline:

The aims of this program are to expand the community of people engaged with the Meeting Point platform, and to give practitioners micro-grants to organise events in their local communities. In order to facilitate more connection between local gathering hosts, their communities and the main Meeting Point program, MCH organizes a series of online exchanges for hosts in the build-up to the Meeting Point, and an in-person workshop in Hanoi. These exchanges are guided by Local Gatherings Community Curator, Jeffrey Tan (Singapore), with support from the MCH team.

By creating a network of multiple local gatherings happening in parallel, MCH aims to generate collective energy to feed into the Meeting Point and to create a sense of connection and solidarity between communities.

A total of 10-12 people or groups will be selected to host a gathering and to participate in the sharing and exchange program, which will take place over 4 months, from November 2023 - February 2024. If gatherings are being organised by collectives, then multiple representatives may participate in these sessions (but they are expected to attend all four sessions). One representative from each group will also take part in the in-person exchange workshop on March 20th and the in-person program of Meeting Point, in Hanoi from March 21st- 23rd 2024.

More detail on:

- What is a 'Local Gathering' and how it connects to Meeting Point
- The program of sharing and exchange between hosts
- Target participants of the program
- Selection process and criteria
- Structure and timeline of the program
- Recap of key dates

Can be found in the [Program Overview document](#).

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the program applicants must:

- A citizen of an Asian country
- Be available for all program dates
- Be able to demonstrate commitment to art and social action

* Please see [Program Overview](#) for more details.

How to apply

Please answer the questions in the application form, which can be found [here](#). Applications should be submitted to jennifer@mekongculturalhub.org by September 10th 2023.

Q&A Session

We will host a virtual Q&A session, where you can meet with the team to discuss the program and the application process.

Date: Tuesday 17th August 2023

Time: 5pm ICT (Bangkok time)

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0vceGvrz4uGNCSpA7Hih-3BE8c8mwoxliP>

If you have any questions about the program or the application, you can contact us at jennifer@mekongculturalhub.org