

# Call for Applications:

## Host an interactive session at Meeting Point

### Meeting Point 2024

#### Key Information

<b>Opportunity</b>	Host a 90-minute workshop, seminar or other form of interactive session relevant to the topic <i>Perspectives from the Grassroots</i> during the 2024 Meeting Point on Art & Social Action in Asia (March 21st-23rd in Hanoi)
<b>Designed for</b>	Cultural practitioners working in the area of art and social action
<b>From</b>	Asia
<b>Total participants</b>	8 session hosts will be selected: 4 from Vietnam and 4 from elsewhere in Asia
<b>Important dates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Applicants must be available to attend the Meeting Point from March 21st-23rd, 2024 in Hanoi</li> <li>→ You will deliver your session on the afternoon of either March 22nd or March 23rd.</li> <li>→ Depending on location and flight/ train times, travel dates will be either March 20th or 21st, with departure on March 24th.</li> </ul>
<b>Working language:</b>	The main Meeting Point program will be in English. session may be in other languages, in which case translation/ interpretation should be considered in the planning and budgeting.
<b>Support offered:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ All travel &amp; accommodation costs for <u>one</u> facilitator/ workshop leader per session to attend the Meeting Point in Hanoi</li> <li>→ A \$750 USD unrestricted micro-grant per session</li> </ul>
<b>Deadline to apply:</b>	<b>November 12th, 2023</b>

#### **Program outline:**

In 2024, MCH will host its third Meeting Point on Art & Social Action in Asia. The in-person part of the Meeting Point will take place in Hanoi, from March 21st-23rd, and is organised in partnership with Heritage Space. We hope to have 80-100 people joining the program.

MCH is working with our collaborators and fellows network to organise a keynote roundtable, two curated conferences, some creative interventions and a sharing session about Local Gatherings, which will form part of the program over three days. We are also inviting partner arts and culture organisations and agencies who work at a regional level in Asia to host sessions. To ensure diverse voices and approaches to the discussions, we are now calling for other practitioners, collectives and organisations who have a perspective they would like to share or explore through the Meeting Point platform.

As such, with this open call we are looking for a total of 8 people or organisations to each host a session during Meeting Point. 4 will be selected from Vietnam, and 4 from elsewhere in Asia. The sessions must meet the following criteria to be eligible for consideration:

- Be related to the *Perspectives from Grassroots* - art and social action in Asia
- Be interactive in nature
- Be suitable for approximately 20-30 participants
- Be able to be managed within 90 minutes

The hosts must be citizens of Asia, and resident in Asia during the time of the Meeting Point. MCH will support travel and accommodation costs for one person to host each session. Each host will also be provided with an unrestricted micro-grant of \$750 USD towards organising the session. It is up to the host to decide how to use this grant.

We welcome diverse proposals for session content and format and there are no restrictions as to what can be proposed. We are particularly interested in artistic workshops, or action research. We also welcome discussions, trainings and exchanges. Our selection will consider diversity of perspectives, voices and themes; and we will seek diversity among the hosts in terms of geography, identity and practice. Selection will be done by an independent committee.

In your proposal we will ask you for a rough budget plan (this is in order to ensure your concept is feasible with the available resources). You may wish to consider items such as:

- Equipment and materials (to be purchased locally)
- Additional luggage weight (for materials that must be transported)
- Travel costs for any additional colleagues you want to facilitate your session
- Interpretation (note that the working language of the Meeting Point will be English)
- Documentation
- Fees for the host(s)

Please note: There will be a compulsory orientation meeting for all hosts on Tuesday December 19th 2023 at 4:30pm - 6:00pm ICT time. After this meeting all hosts will be required to complete a detailed session plan and tech rider, which is to be delivered to MCH by January 31st 2024. Each host will have a one-to-one review meeting with the MCH Program Manager for Networks & Alliances during February 2024. Microgrants will be released after this meeting.

### **How to apply**

Please submit a proposal using the template, which can be found [here](#). Proposals should be submitted to [meetingpoint@mekongculturalhub.org](mailto:meetingpoint@mekongculturalhub.org) by November 12th 2023.

### **Q&A Session**

We will host a virtual Q&A session, where you can ask any questions you have about the proposal template and the selection process.

**Date:** 17th October

**Time:** 5pm ICT (Bangkok time)

**Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEseygrjliE9Y8YT2F1xAhTpfVnu14Ju>

If you have any questions about the program or the application, you can contact us at [meetingpoint@mekongculturalhub.org](mailto:meetingpoint@mekongculturalhub.org)