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Gibraltar - Berlin Artist Exchange Residency

The Ministry of Culture recently announced the Gibraltar - Berlin artist in residence exchange programme for artists working in any medium interested in developing their work in urban public spaces. This opportunity was taken up by several local artists applying. Alan Perez was the successful applicant and went off to carry out his residency at Lichtenberg Studios, Berlin.

Whilst in Berlin, Alan had the opportunity of meeting artists and making valuable contacts. He also met Berlin based artist Max Sudhues who has been chosen to carry out a residency in Gibraltar during September.

The work by Max Sudhues promises exciting and innovative, site-specific works employing light and shadows that will hopefully delight and inspire older, as well as the younger generation of artists and arts-going public of Gibraltar. A publication and an exhibition in Gibraltar will follow.

BACKGROUND

Lichtenberg Studios offer artists from all over the world the opportunity to live and work in an interesting district in former East Berlin to obtain their own impressions of Berlin and the city's art scene. The residency is aimed at artists, writers, architects and other professionals interested in the discourse of art in urban spaces. The guiding principle is the idea of intervening in the district with low-threshold projects: starting with the tourist-like behaviour of the resident artists, who will explore the district as researchers or simply as curious observers, and extending right through to the realization of concrete projects in public spaces in Lichtenberg.

The 'projects' referred to will be small-scale, mostly unobtrusive interventions that will generally take place without being announced in advance and will appear natural and spontaneous. This strategy is based on an approach dating back to the 1970s, in which art is seen as an integral part of life rather than something distant and mythical elevated onto pedestals. Lichtenberg Studios intends to help focus the attention of the artists-in-residence on the district of Lichtenberg itself, its history, architecture, its inhabitants and their lives.

Lichtenberg Studios is a project organised by: **Intervention Berlin e.V.** in cooperation with **Berlin-Lichtenberg's Arts and Cultural Office**.

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