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Gibraltar-Berlin Artist Exchange Residency

The Ministry of Culture is pleased to announce the Gibraltar-Berlin Artist in Residence Exchange Programme for artists working in any medium. This is particularly for those interested in developing their work in urban public spaces. This residency will be organised by Gibraltar Cultural Services on behalf of HM Government of Gibraltar and Lichtenberg Studios.

The Berlin residency will take place in July 2016 and will be for a four week period. The selected artist will be awarded a stipend, travel expenses, accommodation and a production budget. A publication and an exhibition in Gibraltar will follow. The residency in Gibraltar by an artist from Berlin will take place the following Autumn.

The Minister for Culture, The Hon Steven Linares is delighted to be able to offer this opportunity and new experience to local artists.

The public, and in particular interested artists, are invited to attend a talk that will take place at the John Mackintosh Hall on Wednesday 6th April at 5pm.

Notes to Editors:

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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