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## Walter Benjamin Walking Art Grant

the Contemporary Art Center Nau Còclea organizes again the guided route from Banyuls to Portbou. This route is included in the Walter Benjamin International Colloquium organized by the Walter Benjamin Chair of the Universitat de Girona and the Memorial Museum of The Exile MUME in La Jonquera, Catalonia Spain.

The route follows the path that Walter Benjamin made guided by Lisa Fittko to cross the border fleeing from the Nazi police and at the end of which he took his life. It goes from Banyuls to Portbou.

This path is walked every year with a different artist making a proposal specifically designed for the occasion in the spirit of Walking Art in all its versions and possibilities. The winning project will be carried out during this walk that will take place on **Saturday, November 30, 2019**. The grant is open to all creative disciplines (sound art, dance, performing arts, music, poetry, visual arts, performance, tours, public art , land art, etc.).

### 1. The route

The route leaves Banyuls where walkers arrive by bus from Portbou (The bus leaves at 8 a.m. and arrives to the departing point in Banyuls about 9 a.m. ). There is a guide that will also provide information on the facts that are remembered and on the philosophical and critical work of Walter Benjamin.

The walk lasts 2:30 hours up to the top of the mountain and about 3 hours down (approximately 05:30 in total). Ascent is a path through vineyard terraces at the beginning and later by mountains. Downhill is a forest track to reach Portbou. There are usually 60 to 80 participants in the event, people of all ages and diverse backgrounds and languages.

The artist or artists can perform at any point of the tour or walk with the participants. The project can also be a participative one. It is important not to interrupt the ascent with very long interventions so as not to cause physical fatigue, but there may be interventions of greater duration at the end of the ascent, on the descent and also at some rest points. Nau Còclea will provide information and support to the winner of the grant to prepare all the practical aspects of his project.

More information about the conditions of the route Walter Benjamin to Nau Còclea  
<http://naucoclea.net/2016/10/05/exit-de-la-ruta-walter-benjamin-2016/>

### 2. Grant

Grant amount: **€ 750 taxes included**. This includes artist fees, travel and production expenses.

\* The amount will be received as detailed: € 250 immediately after completion of the project and presentation of invoice with the corresponding taxes and €500 also after presentation of invoice with the corresponding taxes. This second payment will be made within 60 days.

### **3. Submission of applications. Terms and conditions**

\* Applications can be sent **until October 15, 2019**

\* Candidates must send by email to [resident@naucoclea.com](mailto:resident@naucoclea.com) a pdf labeled with the name of the person responsible for the project including:

1. Contact details of the person responsible for the project.
3. A description of the project (maximum 5 pages of text. All additional information will be presented via Internet links: photographs, web videos, blog, etc.)
4. A detailed description of how the project will be implemented along the path.

Nau Côlea will send confirmation of received message in a maximum of 5 days. If this confirmation is not received, it can be claimed by sending a message or whatsapp to tel. 00 34 637880565.

**6. The winning project will be made public on November 4, 2019**

### **4 Jury and resolution**

The jury is composed by:

Jordi Lafon, visual artist and walker, co-founder of the Deriva Mussol group

Marc Egea musician and sound artist

Clara Garí director of the Center for Contemporary Creation Nau Côlea

The evaluation criteria of the projects are as follows:

- \* Creative and artistic value of the proposal 0-3 points
  - \* Connection of the proposal with the thinking of Walter Benjamin, and issues such as the border, exiles, memory and critical history. 0-3 points
  - \* Viability of implementation on the Walter Benjamin route 0-3 points
  - \* Applicant's curriculum 0-1 point
- Maximum total: 10 points

The jury will choose a single winning project.

The contest may be declared void if none of the applications reaches a minimum of 7 points.

The winning project will be publicly announced at the end of June. the resolution

It will also be communicated personally to those interested and will be published on the website of Nau Côlea and that of several associated entities, as well as on social networks.

The application for this scholarship implies the acceptance of its bases.

### **More information**

The email [resident@naucoclea.com](mailto:resident@naucoclea.com) and the phone 00 34 637880565 (only whatsapp) are available for more information.