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Walter Benjamin 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 Memory and Exile Chair of the University of Girona**, the **Democratic Memorial Barcelona** and the **Memorial Museum of The Exile 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 21st, 2020**. The grant is open to all creative disciplines and especially to walking arts (sound art, dance, performing arts, music, poetry, visual arts, performance, tours, public art , land art, etc.).

The route

The route leaves Banyuls. To this village 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.). A guide that will 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 2:30 hours down (approximately 05:00 in total). Ascent is a path first through vineyard terraces 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 in the way. 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

[Ruta senderista Walter Benjamin Portbou -Banyuls](#)

[Web Portbou i Walter Benjamin](#)

[Web Camí Walter Benjamin](#)

Grant

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

* The amount will be transferred after completion of the project and presentation of invoice with the corresponding taxes.

Submission of applications. Terms and conditions

* Applications can be sent **until October 1st, 2020**

* Candidates must send by email to 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.
5. The winner will have 5 weeks to implement the project. During this time **he/she can be hosted at Nau Còclea Art Center's residency** and receive logistic support.
6. **The winning project will be made public on October 15th, 2019**

Nau Còclea 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.

Jury and resolution

The jury is composed by:

Marco Noris, visual artist and walker

Enric Puig Punyet, philosopher, director of Fàbrica de Creació La Escocesa Barcelona

Alfons Quera, Director of Museu de l'Exili de La Jonquera

Colectivo Aladeriva (David del Campo y Neus Solà with a single vote). Coordinators of Fotolimo photo festival (Portbou-Cerbère)

Clara Garí, director of Contemporary Art Center Nau Còclea

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 in **October 15th 2020**. the resolution

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

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

More information

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