



## **Open call: Travel & accommodation grants**

### **“Truth is concrete”**

*A 24/7 marathon camp on artistic strategies in politics and political strategies in art  
21 - 28/09/2012, Graz / Austria*

The world is changing so fast that we can't keep track: the rise of the populist right, financial devastations, fundamental destruction of educational and cultural structures, democratic uprisings, Islamic fundamentalism, threats of technological and ecological catastrophes – where to start, where to end? But what is the role of art in this race of events that we can barely follow, let alone properly understand?

We have learned that there are no easy answers any more. We don't trust ideologies, even though we follow the ideology of capitalism. We know everything is relative. We replace critique with criticality, the political with the post-political, and capitalism with added value. But where the answers get too complicated, the desire for simple solutions is growing. And we – perhaps indeed leftist hobbyists – seem to have lost touch with a larger base. So we take the possibility of concrete truth as a working hypothesis and look for direct action, for concrete change and knowledge. For an art that engages in specific political and social situations – and for an activism that searches for intelligent, creative means of self-empowerment.

“Truth is concrete” is a 24-hour, 7-day marathon camp: around 150 artists, activists and theorists lecture, perform, play, produce, discuss and collect artistic strategies in politics and political strategies in art. All day long, all night long. It is a platform, a toolbox as well as a performative statement, an extreme effort at a time that needs some extreme efforts.

**The grant programme – covering travel, accommodation and food – invites 100 students, artists, activists and theorists interested in artistic strategies in politics from all over the world to Graz.**

**Application deadline is 15/05/2012.**

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## **Application**

You can apply by sending an informal letter including your personal details (address, phone, email, date of birth). Please provide a substantial C.V. and a comprehensive description of your interest in the topic of the marathon, especially focussing on your own work related to artistic strategies in politics and political strategies in art.

## **Give and take**

steirischer herbst covers the costs of travelling to Graz (2nd class/economy, for ecological reasons preferably by train) and provides accommodation for 7–9 days (arrival 19–21/09, departure 29–30/09) in a dormitory-like sleeping facility (shared rooms) by raumlaborberlin on the camp premises. The grant includes three meals a day as well as free admission to all events of “Truth is concrete” (subject to availability).

In return, we expect all participants to stay in Graz for the whole duration of the project and to participate actively in the programme. Like any camp, “Truth is concrete” depends on the social responsibility of the occupants. Although we cannot provide hotel standards, we nevertheless want to make the camp a worthwhile experience together with all the occupants. Therefore, mutual understanding and shared responsibility, and perhaps some active help, will be appreciated, as well as possible involvement in or contribution to the programme of the marathon.

Spoken language is English.

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For more detailed information on terms and conditions of the grant programme, please visit [truthisconcrete.org/grant\\_conditions](http://truthisconcrete.org/grant_conditions) and do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions.

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