

International Cultural Diversity Organization (ICDO)

Call for Art

The Long Nights of Interculturality 2021

Exhibition title: “Art. Peace. Sustainability“

Brief: Following the success of previous years, we are delighted to announce the annual public festival ‘The Long Nights of Interculturality’, under the Austrian Commission for UNESCO patronage, that celebrates the rich history of cultures, creativity, and art. During the seven-day virtual festival, we will open an intercultural dialogue on ‘Sustainability and Cultural Diversity’ through vast array of activities, including panel discussions, virtual tours, social media campaigns, music and dance performances as social media challenges, documentaries, ‘Voices of the Change’ featuring activists from around the world.

Requirements:

To be submitted to info@icdo.at by **August 6th 2021** (the art pieces to be exhibited will be chosen by ICDO Art Committee after submission)

- Artist Information
 - Name, Date of Birth, Nationality/Ethnicity (which you identify with), Email, Title of the Artwork, Year Painted, Technique Used.
- Digital Photographs of work in good quality and proper lighting
- Art Piece Information
 - Title
 - Size (Width x Height)
 - Medium (example: works on canvas or paper)
- Accepted formats: painting, photography (color), collages, illustrations
- In regards to submitting sculptures and installations, an artist must provide a 3D in order for the piece to be accepted.
- Written concepts from the artists
- Description: In 1 to 2 paragraphs, please describe your personal and artistic approach in relation to sustainability and cultural diversity. We encourage the descriptions to not only be literal translations of your work, but also with a conceptual, philosophical, or theoretical overview.
- Some guiding questions in describing your concept:

About ICDO: ICDO is an NGO based in Vienna, Austria, with social development projects worldwide. The mission and goal of the International Cultural Diversity Organization (ICDO) is the promotion of cultural diversity, inclusivity, interculturalism, human rights, as well as raising awareness of different cultural expressions and their values with the aim of fostering cultural interaction in order to bring people together and bridge cultural gaps. In addition, ICDO acts, promotes and conserves biodiversity, environment, and sustainability for the wellbeing of humanity.

How is (your) art related to sustainability and cultural diversity?

What Sustainable Development Goal could you connect with your work and/or could be found in your art? (optional)

Description:

The virtual art exhibition ‘**Art. Peace. Sustainability**’ aims to explore and artistically convey ideas around the topics of cultural diversity, sustainable development, SDGs, environment protection, nature conservation and peaceful coexistence with nature and one another. As said: *“Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”*

“**Art. Sustainability. Peace.**” invites you to participate by embracing the idea of sustainability and promoting peace and multiculturalism by submitting your original art.

Your creative art (painting, drawing, or collages) could also be inspired by one of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals and your ideas about and/or understanding of it.

The opening of the Art Exhibition will take place on **the 8th of September 2021**, at one of the platforms for online art exhibitions. (Artlist, Google Arts and Culture). Date, time and platform to be confirmed.

Final selection for participation in the exhibition will be made by a panel of art professionals and evaluated based on artistic excellence and originality in the display of our theme “**Art. Sustainability. Peace.**”.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was created by the United Nations in 2015, and outlines seventeen core goals across a variety of categories to help the world become a more environmentally friendly, peaceful, and prosperous place. Artists through their artworks are contributing to the SDGs, as art and sustainability have a close relationship that goes back many centuries.

ICDO’s virtual art exhibition will emphasize the importance of celebrating cultural diversity and building together a global culture of peace, sustainability, and respect towards each other and towards nature. Culture is an essential component of sustainable development; represents a source of identity, innovation and creativity for the individual and community; and is an important factor in building social inclusion and eradicating poverty, providing for economic growth and ownership of development processes.

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