

*foundationClass

In April 2017 *foundationClass starts with a new group at weißensee academy of art berlin.

Do you want to start studying art or design in Germany or do you want to continue your studies here?

Have you fled to Germany and/or applied for asylum in Germany?

*Then apply for the *foundationClass 2017!*

weißensee academy of art berlin is happy to announce that a new group of *foundationClass participants will start their work in the summer semester of 2017.

The programme is geared towards people:

- who have fled to Germany and/or applied for asylum
- and who had planned to start studying art or design in their home countries,
- or already started such a degree programme,
- or who plan to switch into such a degree programme.

The *foundationClass group of 2017 will work together from April 2017 until the end of the year.

The programme will be divided into two parts:

The first part of the programme (summer semester, starting in April) will also be open to other students studying at weißensee academy of art. The programme will feature lectures, workshops and excursions led mainly by professional artists, designers, scholars and activists who themselves or whose families have migrated to Germany.

During the first part you will have the possibility to arrive at the school and get to know many other people. We specifically want to create a space within which you can work with the invited teachers to develop your own standpoint regarding art or design education. Together we want to formulate art historie(s), that include the Global South/East, as well as your experiences without using labels such as “refugee” or “migrant”. Together we want to find answers to the question of how an art school of the future would look like if it genuinely recognised migration as an essential societal factor. Apart from that we’re planning a lot of cooperations with other Berlin art institutions, such as the Maxim Gorki Theatre.

In the second half of the programme (winter semester, starting in October) we want to take all that we have learned and prepare applications for German art and design academies. In different workshops (painting, sculpture, digital media, design, drawing etc.) we will support you in creating a powerful portfolio with which you can apply in 2018.

To realise these goals weißensee art academy provides its entire infrastructure, including workshops, materials, as well as support with bureaucratic problems.

The *foundationClass 2017 strives to open up a social space within weißensee academy of art within which knowledge and artistic and design practices are not consumed, but questioned and where new forms of knowledge and practice will be produced collectively.

Who should apply?

Anyone who:

- has come to Germany and has applied for asylum (please note that the outcome of the application, or whether the process is finished or still ongoing is not relevant),
- is interested in art and/or design,
- is 18 years or older,
- is ready and motivated to participate regularly in the programme (please note that participation in the second part of the programme will depend on regular attendance of the first part)

What is the application process?

- We need a CV, a personal letter outlining your motivation and interest in participating in the *foundationClass 2017, as well as a proof of your (temporary or not) residence status (Gestattung, Duldung, Aufenthaltserlaubnis)
- **Please submit your complete application until March 20th to:**
foundationclass@kh-berlin.de

or to

weißensee kunsthochschule berlin
Referat Studienangelegenheiten/*foundationClass
Bühningstr. 20,
D-13086 Berlin

- Invitations for interviews will be sent via e-mail
- The interviews will presumably take place beginning of April
- Language Requirements: Basic knowledge of German and/or good knowledge of English is desirable

Fees: None

Status at School: Participants will register as visiting students.

Duration: April 2017 till December 2017