Open Call for Climate Justice Fellow

As part of Walking the Edge—our collaboration with the arts organization Works on Water and the New York City Department of City Planning—Culture Push is accepting proposals for a Climate Justice Fellow, the first ever specialized Open Call for the Fellowship for Utopian Practice.***

For our first themed Fellowship, we will be accepting proposals for projects that directly address Environmental and Climate Justice in relationship to New York City’s shorelines and waterways. (Please look at these links to get a sense of what is included in “climate justice” and “environmental justice.”) As with other Fellowships, the Climate Justice Fellow will be supported with all the resources of the Fellowship for Utopian Practice for one full year.

***Special circumstances: We are seeking an idea currently in development that is ready to start research and experimentation right away, in the month of April 2020, through participation with Walking the Edge. Walking the Edge is a durational artwork devised to encourage participants to walk all 520 miles of NYC’s waterfront continuously, in a relay style marathon that will take place throughout May 2020. Throughout the walk, Walking the Edge will also include various shoreline activations and events deeply connected to communities in each borough of New York City. Walking the Edge will serve as a catalyst for waterfront exploration, artistic research, and community activation. The project is also an in-depth public engagement for the New York City Department of City Planning and their Comprehensive Waterfront Plan, which seeks to connect residents with the city’s coastal edge. The Climate Justice Fellow should be ready to immediately jump into their role as an embedded artist partner for Walking the Edge, acting as part of the team, and as an artist ambassador, participant, and activator.

The Fellowship for Utopian Practice is a testing ground for untested and new ideas that aim to create positive social change through civic engagement and horizontal learning opportunities. Through the Fellowship for Utopian Practice, Culture Push serves artists by providing creative, analytical, and logistical tools in the creation of truly transformative projects. Pre-existing performances, established projects, and fully funded works are not eligible to apply. Learn more about our Guidelines, and how to apply here.

The Fellowship program is open to artists and other professionals working in any discipline who wish to expand the boundaries of their practice. Applicants are encouraged to review our organization’s mission before submitting materials as well as the specific nature of this Open Call. We will be awarding the Climate Justice Fellowship to one applicant.

Applications Open February 1, 2020.

Deadline to apply is February 25, 2020 at 11:59pm
Applicants will be notified of our decision by early March and should be prepared and available to begin working with Culture Push shortly thereafter.

Any questions should be addressed to cp@culturepush.org with the subject line “Climate Justice Fellowship Question”

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