

Guidelines for submitting a proposal

About We Can! Arts Fest

The We Can! Arts Fest is an arts festival by We Can! Singapore and its partners in conjunction with '16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence', an international campaign marked by the UN and other groups around the world. 16 Days of Activism starts on 25 November, International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and ends on 10 December, Human Rights Day. It aims to raise awareness about gender-based violence as a human rights issue at the local, national, regional, and international level.

We Can! Arts Fest offers a platform to bring together arts, performance, and community-based events in solidarity with the international movement, and to make an impact locally. We Can! Singapore will also run a parallel social media campaign to build up towards the festival.

Through art and community engagement, this year, We Can! Arts Fest hopes to go deeper into the less explored areas of gender-based violence, especially those that affect youth. Related issues include:

- 1) Gender stereotypes
- 2) Body shaming
- 3) Cyber-harassment
- 4) Dating violence
- 5) Slut-shaming
- 6) Bullying
- 7) Impact of violence on individual, family & community (e.g. impact on young people, children)
- 8) The social avoidance of the issue of violence/social neglect of victims
- 9) Bystanders' role/power in accepting or rejecting violence
- 10) Masculinity/Femininity

REQUIREMENTS

What can I submit?

Proposals will be considered and selected on the quality of the idea and the extent to which the concept creates a space for the interrogation of gender-based violence and discrimination that affect youth, as well as the impact this has on individuals, families and communities. We will be looking for ideas that invite interaction and provide space for marginalised voices to be heard, as well as those that offer a different viewing or participatory experience. The work/concept should be engaging and inspire thought, be challenging yet accessible. We encourage applicants to consider collaborative work, community engagement, and multidisciplinary art.

If you have a rough idea of what you would like to bring to the festival, but need some help in formulating a full programme, please feel free to send in what you have in mind as well – we will be happy to work with you to bring your idea to life!

On top of new projects, you are also most welcome to send in proposals for ongoing projects or projects completed in the past that you would like to recreate and have a platform to showcase.

Who can submit proposals?

The Arts Fest is open to everyone! Project proposals can be submitted by individuals or groups.

What should I include?

Your proposal should include an outline of your idea, work, or project in as much detail as possible, along with any supporting images and links. **(No more than 750 words)**

Things to consider and include in your proposal:

- What medium/format you will use
- How you plan to execute the work
- How much time you will need on site
- What sort of space you will need
- What kind of participation/interaction it allows
- How you will facilitate it
- What supporting resources you will need

Please send proposals to changemakers@wecansingapore.com by 10 October 2014. We will get back to you by 20 October 2014 at the latest.

FUNDING AND RESOURCES

We Can! Arts Fest is a not-for-profit event with limited resources in place at present. Some projects* will qualify for funding to cover costs and possibly provide an honorarium to the project leaders. We encourage applicants to source their own project funding where possible and are happy to provide supporting statements.

We look forward to hearing from you!

ABOUT WE CAN! ARTS FEST 2013

Missed last year's We Can! Arts Fest? Last year, we brought together artists, activists and Change Makers to meet others who are using their voices to speak up against the less visible forms of violence. We had art installations, music performances, spoken word, film screenings, theatre and more! Read more about We Can! Arts Fest 2013: The Silence of Violence [here](#) and take a look through our photo gallery [here!](#)

ABOUT WE CAN! SINGAPORE

We Can! is a global movement to reduce social acceptance of violence against women. The campaign hopes to spread awareness and action for a gender-equal, violence-free society by empowering individual Change Makers and organisational allies to reflect on and challenge social beliefs and behaviours that perpetuate violence in their communities.

Through interactive theatre, intimate workshops and other avenues in art, performance, community events, media, and pop culture, We Can! hopes to reach out to Change Makers from diverse backgrounds, each committed to creating change in their own lives and within their communities. We Can! hopes to grow into a people's movement, led and supported by diverse community groups willing to work towards a better society.

* Projects that are eligible for funding are initiatives for positive change based on ideas that come from Change Makers. The campaign will provide guidance, support, resources and a platform for Change Makers to share their ideas with others and implement them. The project/event must meet one or more campaign objectives and be aligned with [campaign values/messages and approach](#).

