

Call for Applications:

Cultural Leaders Pod: Networking & Partnership-building

Learning & Support Program

Key Information

Opportunity	Form a peer-cohort with other cultural leaders looking for personal and professional development Be supported to improve your skills and approaches to networking and partnership-building, in order to make progress with your goals
Designed for	Art and cultural practitioners whose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Work is at the intersection of art and society and requires them to lead, * Have at least five years of professional experience and, * Have specific goals related to networking and partnership-building
From	Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Taiwan, Thailand, or Vietnam
Total participants	3 participants
Structure & timeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 4 x 90-minute small group coaching session, with the facilitator and the two other participants * 3 x 60-minute individual coaching session with the facilitator
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Build new relationships with peers * Safe space to reflect on your leadership * Develop your own skills at giving and receiving feedback * Make progress with your goals * One-to-one support from MCH Director * Be part of the MCH Fellows network
Important dates	<p>The program will begin from March 28th, and conclude by the end of June 2025</p> <p>After the first group session on March 28th, participants will need to join one group session and one personal coaching session every month in April, May, June 2025 (total 6 sessions in 3 months)</p>
Working language:	English
Deadline to apply:	March 16th, 2025

Program outline:

This program is designed for art and cultural practitioners (including artists) from Asia, whose work is at the intersection of art and society and requires them to lead. The program uses a coaching approach to empower leaders to make progress towards their goals. For this round of the program, those goals should relate to Networking & Partnership-Building.

Three Fellows will be selected, and they will form a Cultural Leaders Pod (a small group of peers, holding a safe space together for co-learning and development). The purpose of forming the 'pod' is to strengthen the individual learning and growth that the Fellows will gain from their one-to-one coaching sessions, by creating a safe space for Fellows to share their learning with peers, and to have the opportunity to get ideas and input from other cultural leaders who have related, relevant experience from their own context working at the intersection of art and society in Asia.

The program runs for three months, and includes 4 group coaching sessions in the Cultural Leaders Pod, and 3 individual coaching sessions for each Fellow. The program is facilitated by Frances Rudgard, Director of Mekong Cultural Hub. More details on the program, the facilitator and the application process can be found in the [Program Overview document](#).

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the program, applicants must:

- A citizen of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Taiwan, Thailand or Vietnam
- Be able to demonstrate commitment to art and social action, with at least five years professional experience
- Identify themselves as having a leadership role (emerging leader is fine!)
- Have specific goals related to Networking & Partnership-Building, which relate to their work in art and social action
- Be comfortable to express themselves in English (imperfectly is fine!)

* Please see the [Program Overview document](#) for more details, including MCH's definition of leadership

How to apply

Please answer the questions in the application form, which can be found [here](#). Applications should be submitted to info@mekongculturalhub.org by **March 16th 2025** (before 23.50pm ICT time).

Q&A Session

We will host a virtual Q&A session, where you can meet with the trainer and the working team to discuss the program and the application process.

Date: Tuesday March 4th 2025

Time: 5pm ICT (ICT time / UTC+7)

Link to register and get Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91811521271>

If you have any questions about the program or the application, you can contact us at info@mekongculturalhub.org