Request for Proposals

VISIONS: ART FOR A JUST TRANSITION IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

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The Institute for Human Rights and Business' (IHRB) Built Environment Programme is looking for creative university students to illustrate and bring to life the visioning workshops conducted as part of its project: ‘Building for Today and the Future: Advancing a Just Transition in the Built Environment’.

This call is open only to university students in Lagos, Prague, Lisbon, Melbourne, Copenhagen and Jakarta. We will appoint one student in each city to produce one visual art piece capturing and illustrating the findings of the project’s visioning workshops. The resulting pieces of art will be showcased at the upcoming 28th Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP28) and at other major global events.

About ‘Building for Today and the Future’

The project combines research and visioning in eight cities globally (including the six above), connected up to regional and international advocacy to ensure that climate action relating to buildings and infrastructure is just and respects human rights. It has a particular emphasis on the right to housing; the rights of construction workers; meaningful participation; and non-discrimination / spatial justice.

- **Requirements:**
  - Current student (in architecture, urban studies, visual arts, engineering, or related field) at a university in Lagos, Prague, Lisbon, Melbourne, Copenhagen or Jakarta.
  - Interest in the built environment, climate change, and social justice / human rights approaches to the sustainability transition.

- **Deliverable** once appointed: one visual art piece capturing and illustrating the findings of the project’s visioning workshop in their city.

- **Key dates:**
  - **Deadline for entry:** 30 October 2023, 9am UK time (GMT)
  - **Completion of deliverable:** 20 November 2023
Compensation: £750 (£250 on appointment and £500 on successful completion of the art piece). A consulting agreement will be issued and will be subject to UK law.

Location: Remote/Home-based. Students must be living in Lagos, Prague, Lisbon, Melbourne, Copenhagen or Jakarta.

HOW TO ENTER:

- Send a short pitch from your university email address to Kathy McLeish at recruitment@ihrb.org with the subject line: ‘Visual Art Entry - JT in the Built Environment’. We will not accept submissions from email addresses not associated with universities.

- Your submission must include:
  - A cover note (no more than 250 words) on your interest in just transition and the built environment
  - One art piece in the visual medium/style you’ll use, should you be appointed
  - Your location, university, and course.

- We will appoint one visual artist per city by 1 November 2023. You will be only contacted if you’ve been selected. Applications from unsuccessful candidates will be held on file for six months after the end of the recruitment process.

ABOUT IHRB

Founded in 2009, the Institute for Human Rights and Business (IHRB) is the leading international think tank on business and human rights. IHRB’s mission is to shape policy, advance practice, and strengthen accountability in order to make respect for human rights part of everyday business. IHRB seeks to embed international business and human rights standards within responsible business practice in a wide range of countries and industry sectors, working with government, business and civil society.

Further reading:

- IHRB’s Built Environment Programme
- Dignity by Design: Human Rights and the Built Environment Lifecycle
- Better Building(s): Financing Human Rights-based Decarbonisation in Europe
- Additional materials from the built environment programme