



WINGS

a cultural festival and conference on arts, reconciliation and national dialogue

November, 2016 | Colombo, Sri Lanka

Key Themes

Art of Witness: Dealing with Historical Trauma and Memory

Art of Connecting: New Media, Youth and Democracy

Art of Dissent: Art as negotiation of Civic Space

Art of Learning: Social Cohesion through Arts integrated Education

Open for:

Artists
Curators
Dramaturgs
Playwrights
Policy makers
PhD candidates
Researchers
Academics
Scientists
Diplomats
Students
Cultural officers
Politicians
NGO workers
Business leaders and
Corporate executives

What is WINGS?

WINGS is a festival and conference where arts and culture are given an influential voice on a platform shared with artists, performers, policy makers, students, journalists, thinkers, academics, entrepreneurs and citizens. The voices you hear and the performances you see will be deliberating and demonstrating a range of issues related to coexistence and reconciliation.

The festival and conference will include live performances, exhibitions, workshops, paper presentations and panel discussions.

Why at this point?

In the aftermath of violent conflict, investing in artistic and cultural renewal is not likely to be at the top of the agendas of negotiators or administrators who plan for reconstruction. In addressing painful historical legacies, dialogue, trials and tribunals are likely to claim far more resources than theatre, poetry or exchange programmes for artists. However, experiences from around the world indicate the power of arts, not just as a 'tool', but as a social movement towards healing and reconciliation.

Dates and Event

October 21, 22, 23 –
Festival in Kilinochchi

October 27, 28, 29 –
Festival in Ampara

November 7, 8, 9 –
Academic conference in
Colombo

November 11, 12, 13 –
Cultural festival in Colombo

As Sri Lanka emerges out of its cycles of violence, and new space is found in the changed political environment, there is also a need for Sri Lankan artists to come into contact around the world.

Scope of presentation

We are soliciting paper presentations, mini workshops, forums, round tables, panel discussions and other interactive sessions for the conference under the four main themes. Please e-mail a maximum 300 word abstract, and a 2 to 3 sentence bio and contact information to johann.peiris@giz.de on or before the 8th of July 2016.

Official Partners

Ministry of National Coexistence, Dialogue and Official Languages, Sri Lanka
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