



Call for projects Matrimony Days 2022 & Matrimony Season 2022/23

Matrimony : In ancient French, the word refers to marriage (matrimonium in Latin). In the 2010s, the word was taken up again in the expression cultural matrimony, creating a feminine parallel to "patrimoine" to designate the material or immaterial assets of artistic or historical importance inherited from women.

The **Matrimony Days**, organized by the non-profit organisation L'architecture qui dégenre, will be held in Brussels on September 23, 24 and 25 2022. Since 2019, The Matrimony Days have been, on the one hand, highlighting the “historical” heritage of Brussels - architectural, sculptural, urbanistic, social, etc. On the other hand, they have also been an opportunity to discover its “current” heritage - artistic, political and feminist. Besides the discovery of Brussels’ overshadowed heritage, the Matrimony Days raise the question of the fundamental access to property (and to related professions) for women*, through workshops led by experts and visits led by professionals.

In order to strengthen our offer of activities, we have also set up, since 2021, an annual programme : the **Matrimony Season**. The next Matrimony Season will be held from October 2022 to June 2023 (the workshops are generally organized on Sundays at 2pm) and offer to the people of Brussels more than thirty activities. On the programme : guided tours, workshops, exhibitions, screenings and more content to discover our matrimonial heritage. The idea is to participate, on an ongoing basis, in raising awareness and educating the public about our heritage.

Goals of the call for projects

The aim of this double call for projects - Matrimony Days 2022 and Matrimony Season 2022/23 - is to actively involve artists/architects/specialists of all kinds in the development of our programming so that it is always more inclusive, innovative and eclectic. The goal of these activities is to make visible the contributions of women and people from visible and invisible minorities of the past and present in order to highlight our cultural heritage in an inclusive and egalitarian way.



Selection criteria

The content of the proposed activity must meet several (but not necessarily all) of the following criteria :

- the price per person of the visit (the gauge and the total budget)
- accessibility of the visit (people with disabilities, elderly, etc.)
- originality of content (new creation or other)
- originality of the format (any other type of format than ex cathedra lectures are preferred)
- links with the territory and/or Belgian history in general, and Brussels in particular
- the highlighting of knowledge and know-how related to heritage (art, architecture, crafts, restoration, public spaces, domesticity, feminist architectures, decolonisation, accessibility, LGBTQIA+ struggles, resistance, etc.)
- highlighting figures linked to heritage (artists, architects, activists, etc.)
- the enhancement of places linked to historical and contemporary matrimony (workshops, architectural achievements, development of public spaces, monuments, museums, etc.)
- the feminist values of the activity and of the project leader(s)
- the inclusiveness of the project
- the possibility of recurrence of the activity over the weekend

Calendar 2022

3 January 2022 : Launch of the call for projects and submission of applications through the online registration form on our website www.matrimonydays.be/call-for-projects/

15 February 2022 at 23:59 : End of the call for projects.

End of February 2022 : Sending of emails to acknowledge receipt of the various projects.

Mid-February - early April 2022 : Analysis of the different applications with our Support Committee composed of 8 experts from different fields. During this phase, we will determine the programme for the Journées du Matrimoine 2022 and the Saison Matrimoine 2022/23.

Mid-April - early May 2022 : Result of the call for projects and contact with the various project leaders. Those who are not received will also be informed by e-mail.

Details

- The registration form will be available on our website www.matrimonydays.be/call-for-projects/ on **monday January 3rd**.
- Proposals for activities for children/adolescents are also welcome. The Matrimony Days and the Matrimony Season also intend to offer activities for the youngest. Please note that these activities must be adapted to this specific audience, which requires a different organisation and content from that offered to adults. For example : be proposed in the form of games, be imagined in the form of a show (puppets, theatre, etc.), be participative, etc.
- Natural and legal persons can respond to the call for projects.



- It is possible to propose activities on behalf of several natural/legal persons.
- The proposed activities must be given either in French, Dutch or in the Langue des Signes de Belgique Francophone (LSFB).
- The budget per activity may not exceed €1000 including VAT. Please note : the price may include a preparation fee if your activity is created exclusively for the Matrimony Days or the Matrimony Season.
- The budget per activity should include two hours for coordination with our team and post-activity evaluation.
- It goes without saying that all expenses will have to be justified.
- The project leaders retain the copyright to the proposed content.
- If the project owner(s) is/are selected, the said partnership will be the subject of a standard agreement signed by the various parties.
- It is also possible to provide a venue for a screening or workshop in the [Tour à Plomb](#) (seated/standing rooms, dark/lighted) with different capacities. Please note that these capacities fluctuate according to sanitary measures.

Informations and contact

To have an idea of the activities already organised during the previous editions of the Journées du Matrimoine and during the Saison Matrimoine 2021/22 or to have more information on our missions and objectives, please visit [our website](#). You can also check our [Instagram](#) and our [Facebook page](#).

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at info@matrimonydays.be.

Thank you for your participation and interest. We look forward to seeing all your projects !

