

COMMITMENT STATEMENT RES ARTIS, THE WORLDWIDE NETWORK FOR ARTIST RESIDENCIES IN AMSTERDAM
MOTIVATION TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE WORK OF THE ACCESS TO CULTURE PLATFORM

While Res Artis is interested in furthering conflict resolution, our organization's mission is focused on supporting art residencies promote cultural exchange. While some of our members may be explicitly focused on the intersection between culture and conflict resolution, it is not an overall concern of our organization.

Nonetheless, the discussion of mobility as a human right is important to Res Artis to promote. After all, it is only through access to "freedom of movement" that our members can engage in the cultural exchange that is ultimately at the heart of what they do. Therefore, Res Artis can see itself involved in advocating for national governments to adopt policies such as Article 13 of the United Nation's Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

To this end Res Artis is motivated to provide: 1) lobbying support in visa policy reforms at international and national governmental levels; 2) the gathering of information, including case studies, from members that help to clearly illustrate the specific regional needs for reform; 3) the dissemination of regional information, primarily made available through our online facilities, to individuals and organizations seeking to gain information on acquiring visas. Using our network members as our main resource for gathering and, through social networking technologies, keeping this data current, we could provide access to this valuable information. The goal would be to continue the work of promoting mobility—of artists and other cultural professionals—in order to further cultural exchange.