

KNOW SOMEONE – a person, a group or an association – that might be interested in sponsorship? Then pass on the information!

INTERESTED YOURSELF?

Submit a description of your project along with the application form between 1 April and 15 September 2023.

Either by email to stefan-heyms-preis@stadt-chemnitz.de or by post to


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GOT A QUESTION?

Just email: aussenbeziehungen@stadt-chemnitz.de

You'll find all the information you need at www.chemnitz.de/heympreis

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IT'S TIME TO SUBMIT YOUR PROJECT

FOR AN INTERNATIONAL STEFAN HEYM SPONSORSHIP

Got a promising idea? Want to be part of debates on key social issues and exchange opinions with other people? Want to achieve something and make a difference? Then your project could be selected for sponsorship.



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In memory of Stefan Heym, the critical writer and journalist, the City of Chemnitz is inviting applications for the International Stefan Heym Sponsorships for the third time. Sponsorships to a total value of 20,000 euros are being offered for projects that are socially relevant, address the issues of our age and make a constructive contribution.

Sponsorship is offered to initiatives in the fields of art, culture, science and research, or that continue Stefan Heym's legacy. Individual journalistic or artistic works are also eligible for sponsorship, provided that they engage critically, courageously and productively with the issues of our time (including their historical context or the form they might take in the future), in the spirit of Stefan Heym. Projects involving school pupils and university students are particularly welcomed.

ABOUT STEFAN HEYM:

Throughout his life, critical commentator, ...
... writer and politician Stefan Heym engaged with the social issues of the times he lived in. He had impressive and unwavering moral courage. Time and again his unsparingly frank and not infrequently discomfiting manner met with obstacles.

Stefan Heym was born and grew up in Chemnitz, before having to flee the Nazi dictatorship, travelling to Prague and then the USA. As a soldier in the US Army, he participated in the liberation of Germany from the Hitler regime. In the McCarthy era he returned to Europe and found refuge in the GDR. His literary and journalistic publications always espoused a clear position. In 1994, his inaugural address as president by seniority of the German Bundestag was a plea for tolerance. The extent of his lifetime achievements makes Stefan Heym one of the most significant German writers of the 20th century.

In honour of its son and honorary citizen, the City of Chemnitz awards the International Stefan Heym Prize, worth 20,000 euros, to an individual with outstanding literary and / or journalistic achievement. The city also awards International Stefan Heym Sponsorships, worth another 20,000 euros in total, to projects and initiatives that engage directly with the life, work and legacy of Stefan Heym or that are informed by his dauntless, critical, and open-minded spirit.