

MANIFESTA 16 Ruhr

Vacancy Manifesta 16 Ruhr Publications Editor (FREELANCE)

What is Manifesta?

Manifesta rethinks the relations between culture and society by investigating and catalysing positive social change in Europe through contemporary culture in dialogue with the social sphere of a specific place. Since 1996, the Manifesta biennial takes place in a different European city every two years. Manifesta 16 will take place in the Ruhr Area in 2026. The Marketing, Communications and Publications team is looking for a Freelance Publications Editor.

Job Description

Manifesta 16 Ruhr is looking for a **Publications Editor** to coordinate the production and delivery of Manifesta 16 publications in the lead up to the biennial.

The publications will be published in both German and English and will include: the biennial catalogue, guidebook and visitor map. Manifesta is looking for a pro-active professional with a substantial amount of bookmaking experience to join the team.

Core tasks and responsibilities

- Lead the editing, commissioning, proof reading and production process of Manifesta 16 Ruhr publications;
- Compile all materials needed from relevant departments (texts, acknowledgment lists, logos etc);
- Manage the workflow of the publications including the editing process, the design, proof reading, marketing and distribution;
- Oversee the budget and production of publications with suppliers;
- Organise the distribution of the publications worldwide as well as in Germany and among Manifesta 16 staff, stakeholders and departments' distribution lists;
- Define procurement requirements with external partners including printers, publishers, distributors, editors and translators to ensure seamless project delivery.

Candidate's profile

- Minimum 5 years of experience working within the (cultural) publishing sector, preferably within art or architecture publishing houses or editorial teams;
- Excellent command of English and German is required, both in written and oral communication; skilled editor and proof-reader;
- Have knowledge regarding distribution models and schemes for publications (both throughout Germany and internationally);

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- Effective planning and organisational skills with ability to manage complex information flows and diverse projects simultaneously;
- Preferably some knowledge of graphic design basics, such as InDesign, Adobe and Photoshop;
- Excellent communication and persuasion skills; able to write and present information to a wide variety of internal and external stakeholders;
- Hands-on with a strong attention to detail and quality;
- Team player, able to cooperate and work under guidelines;
- Ability to work under pressure in a fast-paced environment and according to deadlines;
- Strong interpersonal skills, and ability to deal with diverse stakeholders;
- Working hours outside regular scheme.

Employment conditions

Preferably, the candidate is based in the Ruhr Area for the full duration of the contract, but this is negotiable. Occasional travel may be required.

Starting date: from mid-March 2026 until July 2026. Hours and wages are negotiable and depending on individual candidates.

Diversity and inclusion are firmly anchored in our corporate culture. Therefore, we welcome all applications, regardless of gender, age, disability, religion/belief, ethnic origin or sexual identity.

You can find our data protection information [here](#).

Application

Please submit your letter of motivation and CV in English by 20th of February 2026 via our digital application form: [click here](#).

Questions regarding the position and application process should be sent to annathornton@manifesta.org

Interviews will be conducted by Anna Thornton, Head of Communications, Marketing and Publications, or a delegate from her department. Interviews will take place in February 2026 online.