



Distortion 2023 Streethost description guidelines

It's now possible once more to apply to be one of the many streethosts that together co-create the street party at Distortion 2023. A streethost is typically a Copenhagen group or creator, who's motivated to present their idea in the form of artistic content or community activity – with a format suitable for an outdoors street festival. It can be everything from music to street theatre, dance shows and various performance and pop-up activities. The most important point of all is that the streethost wants to contribute with an interesting activity and celebrate Copenhagen.

There's two formats that you can apply for in 2023 to take in part in. The first is the legendary Vesterbro street party which takes place Thursday June 1st. The second is Friday the 2nd taking place around the Copenhagen harbour, where you can only apply with ActionHygge and Popup-activities – since the music spots have already been reserved.

You can apply with three different kind of activities:

Classic Streethost:

The activity is defined by being centered around festive music. Distortion wishes for a wide selection of musical genres in order to give the streetparty the most diverse and dynamic expression possible – and both smaller live setups and DJ-setups are welcome. Everything from rock to reggae and jazz to electronic music and more is welcome at the street party. In 2022 we saw music events like a live hiphop stage created by a young music collective, a record store playing old school house and an electronic indie stage created by a smaller indie label. We also saw stages dedicated to respectively disco and afrobeat and much more created by smaller Copenhagen promoters.

[Read more about Classics Streethosts here.](#)

ActionHygge Streethost:

The activity is defined by not being centered around festive music, but instead more content rooted in different kind of communities or artistic expression. ActionHygge activities are typically creative, locally anchored and sometimes novel events within our working themes: Food, Body & Dance, Art in City Spaces, Youth and Children and Debate. In 2022 we saw ActionHygge events from a skateboard competition hosted by a local skate store and city architecture talks at Urban Rigger to dance competitions, longtable dinners in the middle of the streets and open-air jazz concerts around the city's green spots. [Read more about ActionHygge Streethosts here.](#)

The two previous categories are as a starting point both in the same place all day - or most of the

Pop-Up Host:

If your activity is more suited for a short or one-off performance, and can perhaps move around with a light setup, then it's also possible to apply for a pop-up activity. It could be a smaller activity that doesn't need a lot of space or a lot of tech. In 2022 we saw pop-up events like a samba orchestra's parade down Islands Brygge, multiple theatre groups performing short, semi-improvised plays with audience interaction in the streets as well surprise performance concerts on Istedgade and Knippelsbro. [Read more about Pop-Up Hosts here.](#)

Similar for all activities is that we put an emphasis in a local connection and that it reflects the spirit in the neighbourhood that we're visiting on the day.

[APPLY HERE!](#)



What does it take to make a street activity?

Distortion has the "right to control" the areas of the city that are closed to traffic, and is therefore responsible for all practical matters on the street. There are many rules that must be followed in order to gain permission to use the city's streets for a party, and we therefore set certain requirements for all streethosts, just as it also costs a small production fee to participate. However, we try to make it as easy as possible, and we help all our streethosts from A to Z – from planning to execution.

As with previous years, the streethost also has the voluntary option to purchase an bar for the activity in question. Running a bar alongside your stage or activity provides the opportunity to generate income to cover the event-related expenses. The bar is run by the streethost themselves, but Distortion supplies drinks and bar elements. [Read the bar rules here.](#)

Participation fee

The fee is based on some fixed starting prices plus extra fees in case of additional purchases for bar operation.

- Streethost basic fee: DKK 2,500
 - (optional) Streethost bar basic fee: DKK 3,000 + 10% purchase fee and extra for additional bar purchases
 - KODA fee (only when playing music): from DKK 1,000.
 - Deposit: DKK 2,500 (returned after fulfillment of the streethost contract)
 - The total participation fee is paid before the event (see deadlines further down)
- (All prices are excl. VAT)

The participation fee covers the following

- Visibility and exposure on Distortion's platform, as well as placement on Distortion's festival map and programme.
- Possibility of setting up a bar.
- Distortion is responsible for the coordination with all public authorities involved.
- Distortion provides traffic plans, sets up signs, toilet facilities, security, fence, etc.
- Distortion helps the streethost with the acquisition of the relevant permits and grants.
- Distortion is responsible for the final cleaning task when the street party ends.

Distortion micro-grants for ActionHygge and Pop-Up activities

Distortion can choose to give some particularly strong, locally anchored and fun projects a financial support of up to DK 10.000. The activity must not be driven by party music, but must be a project falling into either the ActionHygge or the Pop-Up category. It could be a special artistic happening, an urban space installation, a social-economic project, a local community activity or something completely different. Tell us in the description why your project should have extra funding.

Application process

In order to get from A to Z – from applying to hosting your street activity during Distortion – there are 4 steps you as a streethost have to go through.

1. The first part is the application itself.
2. After getting your application approved, you have to send in a installation plan, production plan and safety description.
3. Communication plan and program to be sent to Distortion.



4. Game plan for the big day is made with Distortion.

[Apply for Step 1 via the application portal here.](#)

ATTENTION Applications for food and bar stalls will open on January 20 2023.

Please do not use the web form above if you wish to apply for a food or bar booth or truck only.

Practical info

Areas of use

Click into the map links below to see where you can apply for a place as a streethost.

Distortion reserves the right to reject or move the desired placements.

[Open the Vesterbro map](#)

[Open the Refshaleøen map](#)

Requirements for streethosts

- All street hosts that are approved and become part of Distortion 2023 must go through a standard process, where necessary material must be prepared (layout plans, descriptions, technical information, etc.). This means that you must be ready to take on these tasks. But don't worry, Distortion's street team is ready to guide you throughout the process – experienced and fresh event makers alike.
- Delivering the correct documentation on what event is being created. Especially in regards to the separate building permit. If the material is not adequate, truthful or meets the authorities' requirements, your street party may risk being cancelled! Again, Distortion's street team is ready to help.
- The streethost themselves are responsible for everything regarding their own production. Distortion does not have the option of supplying material for the activity – unless it is a bar purchase.
- The streethost needs to clear a radius of 20 meters around their activity for all waste (larger than beer cans) after the end of the event.
- No large sound systems on the street. The sound specification of the installed equipment must be adapted to comply with the regulations in the [Regulations for Outdoor Music Events \(municipality law material in Danish\)](#). The facility must be acoustically dimensioned for 300-500 people. We recommend no more than 2 x 18" bottom boxes and 2 x 12" tops.
- No big scenes. Stage podiums must be a maximum of 30 cm high!

Important Deadlines

- February 15: **Step 1** – Application deadline for streethosts
- February 22: Latest response to your application
- March 6: **Step 2** – Production and Safety Briefing



- 22 March: Completed apartment permit (only valid for bar purchases)
- 5 April: **Step 3** – Submission of the final program for your event
- 21 April: Invoice and deposit paid
- May 4: Distortion 2023's street party schedule announced

- May 12: **Step 4** – Settlement plans
- 31 May – 4 June: Distortion 2023

More info

We are holding an information meeting on Wednesday February 1 at 19.00 where it will be possible to get all your questions answered. The meeting will be held in the canteena on the 1st floor of Lydens Hus at Gammel Kongevej 11.

If you can't attend the meeting, or just can't wait, you can write to the Street Party department at streetparty@cphdistortion.dk