

Distortion 2024 Streethost description guidelines

It's now possible once more to apply to be one of the many streethosts that together co-create the free street parties at Distortion 2024.

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 dance shows, street theatre 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.

In 2024 there will be two formats that you can apply to take part in:

1. The first is the legendary free Nørrebro Street Party which takes place Thursday May 30th, 16.00-22.00.

Nørrebro is full of narrow streets and close to a lot of residential homes, and as such there are some guidelines for stage and speaker size as well as stage placement. Following these guidelines is a must for any street host candidate, so we're able to host our iconic street party whilst showing consideration for the residents.

Nørrebro Street Party will happen simultaneously with [our Distortion X Nørrebro area at Den Røde Plads, happening 16.00-23.00](#). This ticketed Distortion X area will have 4 stages focusing on hiphop, pop, house and techno.

2. The second is our Harbour Parties, taking place for the 3rd time around the Copenhagen harbour at both Refshaleøen and at zones around Knippelsbro and Havnegade, happening Friday May 31st, 15.00-23.00.

Being near the harbourside and at Refshaleøen's industrial setting means that there is more space for slightly larger stages and speakers, as there are more options to play in a direction away from residential centres, i.e. over the water.

You can apply with 3 different kind of activities:

Classic Streethost:

The activity is defined by being centred around festive music. Distortion wishes for a wide selection of musical genres in order to give the free street parties 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.

At the free Nørrebro Street Party we will be prioritising genres not already presented at [Distortion X Nørrebro](#).

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

ActionHygge Streethost:

The activity is defined by not being centred around festive music, but instead more content rooted in different kinds 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 2023 we saw ActionHygge events from a skateboard competition hosted by a local skate store, local dance communities inviting for salsa and kizomba in the streets, longtable dinners in the middle of Istedgade, open-air jazz concerts around the city's green spots, street football tournaments and more. [Read more about ActionHygge Streethosts here.](#)

A Classic or ActionHygge Streethost normally has their activity in the same location all day - or at least most of it. Unlike the next category:

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 2023 we saw pop-up events like a samba orchestra, theatre and opera groups performing short street shows, facepaint saloons, african dance circles with live drums and much more. [Read more about Pop-Up Hosts here.](#)

Similar for all activities is that we put an emphasis on a local connection and that it reflects the spirit in the neighbourhood that we're visiting on the day - but we're also open for fresh ideas!

APPLY HERE: <https://podio.com/webforms/29223276/2386286>

What does it take to make a street or harbour 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 a 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, and has rules for the menu.

Read the bar rules here: <https://www.nusnus.dk/2024/streethost-bar-2024-eng.pdf>

Participation fee

The fee is based on some fixed starting prices plus extra fees in case of additional purchases for bar operation. The starting prices for the Nørrebro Street Party and the Harbour Party are different, reflecting the different levels of site production needed to host the different events in each location.

Nørrebro Street Party

Thursday 30 May, 16.00-22.00

- Streethost basic fee at Nørrebro Street Party: DKK 3,000
- KODA fee at Nørrebro Street Party (only if playing music): from DKK 1,500.
- (optional) Streethost bar basic fee: DKK 3,000 + 10% purchase fee and extra for additional bar purchases.
- Deposit: DKK 2,500 (returned after fulfilment of the streethost contract)

Harbour Party

Friday 31 May, 15.00-21.00

- Streethost basic fee at Harbour Party: DKK 1,500
- KODA fee at the free Harbour Party (only if playing music): from DKK 1,000.
- It's not possible to have your own bar at the Harbour Street Party.
- Deposit: DKK 2,500 (returned after fulfilment of the streethost contract)

The total participation fee is paid before the event (see deadlines further down).

All prices are excluding VAT.

The participation fee covers the following

- Visibility and exposure on Distortion's platform, as well as placement on Distortion's festival app, map and programme.
- Distortion is responsible for the detailed coordination with all public authorities involved.
- Distortion helps the streethost with the acquisition of the relevant permits and grants from municipality, police and fire department.
- Distortion is responsible for the setup of all toilet facilities and neighbour fences, security and traffic coordination, etc.
- Distortion is responsible for the final cleaning task when the street party ends.
- The possibility of selling Distortion support wristband Gadearmbånd and earning a third of its price for your own street party.
- The possibility of setting up a bar (Nørrebro Street Party only).

Sell Distortion Street Party Support Bracelets at your Street Party

Distortion gives Copenhageners and our many guests the opportunity to support the work of the free street parties by selling Support Street Bracelets for DKK 100. The money exclusively goes towards helping financing the iconic free street party and the extensive street production this requires.

As a streethost you can also sell the annual Support Street Bracelet at your stage - and in that way also earn a third of the sale yourself. This means that you can appeal to all your friends, family and fans, who will be dancing with you throughout the day, to support both Distortion's and your important work.

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., describing your contribution's vision and activity.
2. After getting your application approved, you have to send in an installation plan, production plan and safety description to ensure that your event lives up to the municipality standards.
3. Communication plan and program to be sent to Distortion.
4. Game plan for the big day is made together with Distortion.

APPLY FOR STEP 1 HERE: <https://podio.com/webforms/29223276/2386286>

ATTENTION Applications for food and bar stalls will open in December 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 in which zones you can apply for a place as a streethost.

Curating the best Distortion street party is one big puzzle, and Distortion reserves the right to reject or move the desired placements to create the very best, coherent and fun street party for all ages.

Open the Nørrebro map here: <https://www.nusnus.dk/2024/streethost-kort-norrebro-2024.pdf>

Open the Refshaleøen map here: <https://www.nusnus.dk/2024/streethost-kort-refshaleoen-2024.pdf>

Requirements for streethosts

- All street hosts that are approved and become part of Distortion 2024 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.
- 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 at the free Nørrebro Street Party.

The sound specification of the installed equipment must always be adapted to comply with the municipality regulations in the [Regulations for Outdoor Music Events \(municipality law material in Danish\)](https://www.kk.dk/sites/default/files/agenda/85c6ccff-3ca8-4eb5-b638-1af6543d2565/fd8bdfd4-082d-4b33-a7e9-efb2795c7013-bilag-4.pdf) (red here: <https://www.kk.dk/sites/default/files/agenda/85c6ccff-3ca8-4eb5-b638-1af6543d2565/fd8bdfd4-082d-4b33-a7e9-efb2795c7013-bilag-4.pdf>) 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.

Bigger sound systems are allowed at the free Harbour Party due to the more spacious setting - though it must still adapt to comply with the municipality sound regulations.

- No big stages at the free Nørrebro Street Party.
At Nørrebro Street Party, stage podiums must be a maximum of 30 cm high!
Distortion makes very few exceptions, mostly for ActionHygge projects.

At the free Harbour Party, stage podiums are allowed to be bigger than 30 cm high due to the more spacious setting - but does not have to.

Important Deadlines

- February 5th: **Step 1** – Application deadline for streethosts
- February 16th: Latest response to your application

- March 4th: **Step 2** – Production and Safety Briefing
- 25 March: Completed apartment permit to sell alcohol (in Danish: lejlighedsbevilling) (only needed for streethosts that have purchased the extra option of a bar)

- 7 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 15: **Step 4** – Final execution plans
- 29 May – 2 June: Distortion 2023

- **More info**
We are hosting an info meeting on Wednesday 24 January from 19.00 at Lyden Hus, Gl. Kongevej 11, where it will be possible to get all your questions answered. More info to be announced.

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

How to make a music stage at Distortion

You can now apply to create a music stage for Distortion. We are looking for all kinds of genres - our goal is to make the street party as diverse as possible - and both live and DJ setups are welcome.

You can apply to create your stage for the legendary street party in Nørrebro on Thursday, May 30 2024. When applying, choose the category "Classic Streethost". That's the name for those who make a music stage.

Music stages are essential for creating the unique versatile street party atmosphere. Events can be intimate as well as larger. Stage podiums can be a maximum of 30 cm high and systems play 80 db at the nearest residential area. Everything from rock and reggae to jazz and electronic music is welcome.

In 2023 we saw music events like a live Brazilian stage created by a rhythmic collective, a record store playing old school vinyls on the concrete and a small live rock stage hosted by a café. We also saw stages dedicated to disco and afrobeat and much more created by smaller Copenhagen promoters.

How to make an ActionHygge area at Distortion

An ActionHygge event is characterised by not being centred around (party) music. Here you will find the fun, quirky and different elements within our working themes of food, body & dance, urban art, children and debate. About half of the street party's total events will fall under the ActionHygge program. So your event will not drown in the music scenes of the street party. We provide plenty of space and peace and quiet for your event. Our ambition is to create a diverse street party with lots of fun, art and local communities.

You can apply to host your ActionHygge event at the legendary Nørrebro street party on Thursday, May 30, 2024 and Havnehygge on Refshaleøen the following Friday. We may also choose to support certain projects with a small amount of money to cover special expenses - don't hesitate to send in your ideas!

There were a number of ActionHygge events in 2023 that really made the street party seem more diverse, with something for everyone. There was everything from a skate competition on Enghave Plads, samba parades, street theatre to unamplified pop-up concerts, long table dinners and dance competitions. All organised by local partners and neighbours.

[Apply here](#) - where you can also read more about practicalities and deadlines.

How to make a pop-up activity at Distortion

A Pop-up activity is characterised by being short-term or mobile in nature. It can be a small event that doesn't require a lot of space, so it can be in the cosy narrow streets - or it can be repeated on an ongoing basis around the street. There will be a lot of fun events and activities at the street party in 2024, so your event won't be drowned out by the street party's music stages. We provide plenty of space and peace and quiet for your event. Our ambition is to create a diverse street party with lots of fun, art and local communities.

You can apply to create your pop-up for the legendary street party in Nørrebro on Thursday, May 30, 2024 and Havnehygge on Refshaleøen the following Friday. We may also choose to support certain projects with a small amount to cover special expenses - don't hesitate to send in your ideas!

In 2023, we saw both dance circles in the middle of the street, street theatre and even unamplified pop-up concerts. All organised by local partners and neighbours.

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