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Mzansi Climate Justice Game Jam 2025: A game-making programme

Applications are now open for the Mzansi Climate Justice Game Jam 2025, a month-long hybrid game-making programme taking place between Utrecht, The Netherlands, and Johannesburg, South Africa. Selected participants will co-create analogue or digital games addressing climate justice themes.

Deadline for applications: May 4, 2025

Organizer: Internet Teapot with Mxolisi Xaba, funded by Creative Industries Fund NL

Who It's For: Artists, designers, activists, students, and creatives based in the Netherlands or Johannesburg, aged 18+

Apply [here](#)

About Mzansi Climate Justice Game Jam 2025

The [Mzansi Climate Justice Game Jam](#) invites participants to collaboratively design games that tell climate justice stories. Through a series of workshops, mentorship sessions, and teamwork, 20 selected participants will form cross-continental teams and bring new playable projects to life. Both analogue (card games, board games) and digital games are welcome. No technical coding skills are required, only a willingness to explore, create, and collaborate.

What to Expect

Over the course of four Saturdays in June, participants will work together in a hybrid format (online and on-site) to conceptualize, prototype, refine, and showcase new games. Guided by expert mentors in game design, storytelling, and climate justice, participants will create meaningful projects while building lasting connections with a community of changemakers across two continents. This game jam will give a group of selected participants the platform to make games over one month through four collaborative game-making sessions.

Why Apply

Joining the Game Jam gives you the opportunity to co-create a playable game, receive mentorship from experienced developers and climate experts, and earn a €450 stipend. Participants will also receive a participation certificate, showcase their games during an international closing event, and gain valuable experience in collaborative, impact-driven game development.

- €450 stipend
- Mentorship and guidance
- Opportunity to exhibit your game
- Cross-continental collaboration experience
- Mzansi Climate Justice Game Jam certificate

Eligibility

- Open to individuals 18+ based in Johannesburg or the Netherlands
- Open to creatives from all backgrounds—artists, designers, researchers, activists, students, and more
- No prior technical or coding skills required (but access to a laptop or device is necessary)

Important Dates

- Application Deadline: May 4, 2025
- Selection Announcement: May 19, 2025
- Kick-off: May 30/31, 2025 (Online)
- Game Jam Sessions: June 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2025

Submit your application via the [online form](#), but please make sure to read the full application and open call guidelines on the project's [official website](#).

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