

All CCS and Cross-sectoral Germany Residencies Working Conditions Open Call

Zusa | Open Call Residency for Artists

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Zusa announced opportunities for residencies in Berlin about exploring what kind of micro-utopian interaction may art propose in reaching solidarity.

Residencies in Berlin in frames of “What’s next?” will focus on two thematic axes “reflection and re-thinking on the idea of solidarity in Europe” and “mental well-being of artists and cultural professionals”. The residents will be encouraged to explore possible interrelations between those two seemingly distant topics. The residencies will be dedicated to experimenting, collaborating, exchanging, and exploring what kind of micro-utopian interaction may art propose in reaching solidarity. How solidarity looks in culture and what is its future in the face of continuing crises affecting the world. Is supporting the mental well-being of arts professionals can become a driving force for the future of solidarity in culture?

Six artists and one curator or researcher or culture manager will be invited to spend time in Berlin between February and April 2024. Since not all the artists will meet during the residency, the curator/ researcher/ culture manager will team up with invited local curator to interconnect and build a bridge between residencies.

As zusa values lay in fostering collaborations, building trust through collective learning experiences and do-it-together approach, the zusa team will explore with invited residents the tools and methods of collaborations, and will try to build an informal international artistic group with an open space for failure.

During the residencies artists and cultural professionals will be asked to work on their reflection’s diaries on the residency topic. The form of diary will be free of choice e.g., notes, sketches, short videoart, sound recording etc. Other than that, the residents will be expected to prepare two small-scale meetings/ events for a community of artists, culture managers, researchers and friends gathered around AiR zusa programme, zusa and MitOst networks. The form of the meetings will be

decided by residents together. The content of events will depend on the residents' concept but it will be connected to the topics of residencies and overall "What's next?" idea. The residents will receive coordination support from the zusa team.

The residents will be offered with networking opportunities with Berlin local culture scene as well as external mental health support in forms of individual sessions and group circles which are a fixed component of the residency programme in zusa organisation. There will be a possibility to slow down, take a break in nature in Brandeburg.

To whom

The residency is dedicated to artists and cultural professionals based in European countries but with focus on Ukraine, Poland, Romania, Austria, and Germany.

The priority will be given to the following disciplines: visual arts, architecture, music, literature. However, we allow for the possibility of extending the group to other disciplines.

zusa welcomes applications from all interested people, regardless of their age, religion, gender and sexual identity.

Timeline

The residents will be welcomed to join "What's next?" residency for:

- 1 month- artists (6 places)
- 2 months- curator/ researcher/ culture manager (1 place)

What zusa offers

- Monthly stipend of 1.000 EUR, accommodation (in an individual room) in Berlin and travel costs reimbursement up to 200 EUR.
- A safer and supportive environment, where they can work without fear of discrimination or harassment.
- Access to our network (Berlin & international).
- There is a possibility to come to residency with family. The resident will be responsible for covering the family members' travel costs. The additional fellowship will be offered (1 child= 200 EUR, 2 children=300 EUR)

Deadline: 26 October 2023

Apply here

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