



**Creative \_ Places**  
**July 7-14, 2019**

## Open Call for a Temporary Art Flat-Share

Virtual and related technologies currently inspire creative minds all over the world. Even in many areas of the art world, completely new forms of expression arise. The project Creative \_ Places offers room and stage for creative experiments and seeks to enable artistic exchange and innovations. For one week, six VR-artists form a living and working community in the Kreativ.Quartier Gelsenkirchen-Ückendorf – the probably most exciting urban quarter in the Ruhr Area at the moment. Highlight of the week will be the cultural festival „Szeniale” on July 13, 2019 (Saturday): The perfect stage for creative minds from near and far.

## We are looking for: Artists from europe, who work or experiment with VR, AR, MR or mixed forms

### Does that sound like you?

- You are dealing with Virtual Reality or related technologies from an art perspective.
- You are interested in exchange and collaboration with other artists.
- You are curious about an exciting urban quarter in the heart of the Ruhr Area, that is amidst rise and change.

**Then apply until May 29, 2019 on**  
**[www.places-festival.de/creative](http://www.places-festival.de/creative)**

### That's what we offer!

- Living and working communities for a total of 6 artists
- Board and lodging, work and exhibition rooms, technical support (as far as possible)
- An expense allowance of 500€ and a share in the travel costs.
- Exhibition space at the Szeniale, the Festival of the Liberal Arts ([www.szeniale.de](http://www.szeniale.de))
- Press & media attention through the channels of the Places \_ VR Festival
- Contacts to local artists, and to multipliers of the Ruhr Area art scene
- Professional photo and video documentation

An authentic hotspot for creative minds: Gelsenkirchen-Ückendorf: [51°29'58.9\"N 7°06'38.3\"E](https://www.google.com/maps/place/51°29'58.9\)

## Project Schedule

May 6, 2019	Applications accepted on: <a href="http://www.places-festival.de/creative">www.places-festival.de/creative</a>
May 29, 2019	Application Deadline
--- Jury Session ---	
June 9, 2019	Announcement of selected artists
July 7, 2019	Arrival and moving into the flat till 5pm (welcome dinner)
July 8, 2019	Kickoff Meeting (forenoon)
July 9, 2019	Discovering the "Insane Urban Cowboys" (evening)
July 10, 2019	Media Day (noon)
July 13, 2019	24h-exhibition at the "Szeniale" (7pm vernissage)
July 14, 2019	Departure

} Sunday till Sunday:  
Living and working  
in the art flat-share  
Common goal:  
Exhibition with VR-Art  
on July 13, 2019

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## You need more details? Sure!

- The Open Call is directed at creative minds who consider themselves to be VR-Artists, as well as artists of other artistic genres that use VR/AR/MR artistically or experiment with them. As well as performing and visual artists, musicians, writers and so on.
- The most important goals of the project are the artistical exchange, the encounters with the Kreativ.Quartier Gelsenkirchen-Ückendorf and the public presentation of VR-Art.
- The week (SUN-SUN) is structured by a few appointments and meetings. However, the most of the time will be available for artistic work. What arises from and what respectively happens during the week, is left to group dynamics.
- Existing works and projects may be brought and presented. Artistic experiments that can be varied by the team or can be combined are of interest as well.
- Fix point will be a whole day-public presentation on July 13, 2019 (Saturday) at the cultural festival "Szeniale" with a vernissage at 7pm as the highlight. The art flat-share will plan and design the exhibition/presentation.
- The artists are kindly asked to bring their own equipment/hardware/software. The application form inquires for further wishes and requests.
- The accommodation is simple: Large attic flat, 1-2 people per room, possibly air mattresses/cots. Meals will be a mix of self-catering (full fridge) and invitations.
- Separate rooms will be at disposal, which may be used as work and exhibition space.
- Everybody may receive an expense allowance of 500€. The costs for meals will be beared as well. Furthermore, there is a small budget for travelling expenses.
- Organizers of the project are the "Insane Urban Cowboys (IUC)", an association of young artists, cultural artists and creative entrepreneurs in Gelsenkirchen.
- Creative \_ Places stands in the tradition of Places \_ VR Festivals, Germany's first festival for Virtual Reality, that in April 2018 celebrated its successful premiere in Gelsenkirchen-Ückendorf .
- An expert jury will choose 6 artists among the applicants. The jury consists of: Daniela Berglehn (innogy Stiftung), Alain Bieber (NRW-Forum Düsseldorf), Denise Gühnemann (cultural manager), Claudia Jericho (Creative.NRW), Krischan Wesenberg (music producer & Insane Urban Cowboy)
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