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 – an exciting district of the Ruhr area, where a lot of new energy is released. Highlight of the week is the presentation at the Places _ VR Festival: 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.
- You would like to work on the topic „Insane Urban Energy“ artistically free.

That’s what we offer!

- Living and working communities for a total of 6 artists
- Board and lodging, work and exhibition rooms, technical support
- An expense allowance of 500€ and a share in the travel costs.
- Exhibition space within the Places _ VR Festival
- 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 documentation

Then apply until May 04, 2020

An authentic hotspot for creative minds: Gelsenkirchen-Ückendorf: 51°29'58.9"N 7°06'38.3"E

Project Schedule

February 24, 2020  Applications accepted: apply now
May 04, 2020  Application Deadline
--- Jury Session ---
Mai 15, 2020  Announcement of selected artists
August 16, 2020  Arrival and moving into the flat till 5pm (welcome dinner)
August 17, 2020  Kickoff Meeting (forenoon)
August 18, 2020  Discovering the “Insane Urban Cowboys” (evening)
August 19, 2020  Press visit / Media Day (noon)
August 21, 2020 - 24h-exhibition at the Places _ VR Festival (Friday, 6pm vernissage)
August 22, 2020
August 23, 2020  Departure

Sunday to Sunday: life and work in the art shared flat

Common goal:

exhibition with VR art
Fr, 21. & Sa 22.8.2020
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 August 21, 2020 (Friday) at the Places _ VR Festival with a vernissage at 6pm 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 takes place as part of the Places _ VR Festival, Germany’s #1 festival for virtual reality.
- An expert jury will choose 6 artists among the applicants. The composition of the jury will be published on places-festival.de/en.
- Contact person for all questions:
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