OPEN

Another year of Artistic Exploration and Dialogues

The Open Project, initiated in April 2022, continues to provide a supportive atmosphere for people displaced by the war in Ukraine.

Over the past year, from November 2023 to October 2024, we have been through **3** exhibitions at Kunsthaus Zug, held **13** workshops, with more than **100** participants. People travel from different cantons to take part in this project.

Participants share with us that it has become an artistic and emotional lifeline, exploring and strengthening connections across generations and backgrounds.

"Dear Lyudochka! Well, we are even VERY:) happy about our meeting today!!
Thank you very much for the next episode of the project with the working title "Defrosting".
.... Yes, these meetings are very important, your warmth is priceless!
Well, and the minutes in the Atelier are just a big childish smile of adults!!! Please just

be with us !!!:) :)"

2 марта

Марина Троян (Иван7, Николай10... Дорогая Людочка! Ну мы даже ОЧЕНь:) рады нашей сегодняшней встрече!! Благодарим Вас сердечно за очередную серию проекта с рабочим названием "Разморозка".... Да, эти встречи очень важны, Ваше тепло бесценно! Ну, а минуты в Ателье - это просто большая детская улыбка взрослых людей!!! Будьте, пожалуйста!!!:):)



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Autumn 2023

The Open Project explored "Guido Baselgia. The materiality of light and the colours of the air" through interactive workshops.

Baselgia's photos of Galicia (Western Ukraine) that he took during his trip in 1990s surprised and resonated deeply with participants many of whom recognized landscapes.

These workshops turned into intergenerational dialogues, fostering connections between art and personal history, and helping participants heal through shared stories.



Participants examining closely the photos of Galicia region taken by Guido Baselgia in 1990s.

"...thank you very much.
As always, meetings open up a
lot of seemingly understandable
things.

But in reality, there is a deep dialogue with oneself and, as a result, an interesting reflection" ruilla Ka 🎨

Люда, спасибо огромное.
Как всегда, встречи
открывают многое на,
казалось бы, понятные вещи.
А на самом деле идет
глубокий диалог с самим
собой и в итоге интересная
рефлексия

Winter 2024

Participants were exploring Frederick Kiesler's universe in an immersive way - especially

"Portrait Galaxies", "Us, You, Me Environment", the "Bucephalus", his Endless House concept.

These sessions introduced participants to Kiesler's vision of art that integrates life, encouraging them to become active participants, not just viewers.

Frederick Kiesler's birthplace of Chernivtsi, which is now part of modern Ukraine, immediately established a deeper connection between the OPEN project participants and his legacy. This geographical tie - as well as his living through the time of two wars and moving away from his place of birth - added a personal layer to their understanding of Kiesler's artistic explorations allowing them to perceive his work not only through a global or theoretical lens but also as part of a shared cultural and historical context. This connection sparked rich discussions about the intersections of identity, memory, roots, about correlation, interconnections and finding ones own place in this Galaxy, in this Universe.



Open Project participants discovering connections in the Galaxies of Kiesler.





















Open Project immersing into the Kiesler's "Us, You, Me" Environment.

Autumn 2024

In September 2024, the OPEN Project participants engaged in deep, participatory dialogues through the exhibition "Kiesler Today: Work Dialogues with Contemporary Artists"

These "dialogues about Dialogues" allowed participants to shift from being observers to active co-creators, reflecting on how contemporary artists dialogue with Kiesler's legacy and finding their own voices for joing within the dialogues.

"We thank you heartily for another opportunity to feel like people who want to be friends with the world of art! Thank you for the puzzles - it's always interesting to reflect on the ideas of great people). But most of all, we thank you for your constant desire to give the world a piece of your heart!!! This is so important, especially now!"

Благодарим Вас сердечно за очередную возможность почувствовать себя людьми, стремящимися дружить с миром искусства! Спасибо за головоломки - всегда интересно поразмышлять над идеями великих). Но больше всего благодарим за Ваше неизменное желание подарить миру кусочек своего сердца!!! Это так важно, особенно сейчас!











The Power of Art in Challenging Times

As the war in Ukraine continues, the need for the Open Project is more vital than ever.

Participants travel from different Cantons to be part of this supportive, creative space, where they can express, reflect, and connect.

Through art, the project fosters healing, resilience, and a sense of belonging.

We aim to continue this important work, bridging art and community, and ask for your support to help us make that possible.

"This project gave me a space to feel understood and connected with others, even though we are far from home"



И спасибо тебе огромное снова и снова за то что ты делаешь для нас нас вера Огородник (Аня 11)

Спасибо большое за возможность интересно и полезно провести время, и еще иметь возможномть также создать свое маленькое искусство!

Anna

Спасибо большое за интересный формат вовлечения в искусство, за возможность немного потворить в студии и за возможность поучаствовать!



Впечатления после выставки и всей арт медитации, невероятно приятные, когда я вышла из музея, я наоборот ловила себя, что замечаю детали ...

И это стало любопытно для меня... в искусстве привлекла размытость , а в жизни детали и фокус на них

Вот как так ... спасибо большое , было очень приятно поучаствовать и получить этот опыт ...

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магіа қазіапепко

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Спасибо еще раз Д

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