COMMUNITY ARTS RESIDENCY
IN WARSAW (POLAND)
20th of APRIL - 14th of JUNE 2015

Residency is an opportunity to deliver an 8-week community arts project in the Wola district of Warsaw (Poland) in cooperation with local Partnership "Młynów na Woli" (Mill in the Wola district).

The chosen person will lead a Residency which will be based upon a participatory workshop programme. He or she will work collaboratively with the project partners to design, deliver and evaluate an exciting project, which will help the participants become more involved in the local community.

We are looking for Artists and other Cultural Practitioners with previous experience in delivering participatory-based public arts projects and who are concerned about the connection between creativity and self-organisation of the community. We want to hear from candidates who permanently live in Great Britain and are concerned with issues affecting public spaces and the impact this has on community life. The successful Artist or Cultural Practitioner will have experience of working with communities in open spaces – for example creative activities in streets, courtyards etc.

The chosen person will have the professional support of community practitioners to help plan the project with residents and other stakeholders. He or she will work alongside a local trainee cultural practitioner, who will provide further assistance to help the chosen person to deliver the project.

Participatory research will be undertaken to explore the effectiveness of using a Residency style approach to deliver civic engagement outcomes and to help the chosen person develop their skills to help them work with communities. The Residency is one of three community arts Residencies in the UK, Poland and Spain, all of which involve artist exchanges.

Practicalities:

Fee: 5200 euros (all-inclusive) and 300 euros for travel costs to Warsaw

The fee will be paid in instalments based upon meeting deliverables associated with the project. The fee includes the time spent delivering, preparing and evaluating the project. The fee also includes accommodation and living costs. The chosen person will live in Warsaw city for the duration of the residency. You will be responsible for arranging your own accomodation, but the Residency team in Poland will help you to do this. The fee includes the chosen person's participation in research activities – some of which may take place after the delivery of the Residency. This could include being part of further discussions with artists from the other Residencies and participating in research activities and contributing to the project documentation. There is also a small separate materials budget.

Deadline: 22nd of February 2015

Application materials:

To express an interest, please send:

1. CV including a brief outline of your professional experiences including links to any of the relevant community and participatory work you have delivered
2. some initial ideas for participatory workshops, actions which you might deliver during the residency (max. 1800 words)
3. your contact details (including Skype name) and the contact details for 2 people who would be able to provide references for your work.

Contact details for sending the application and asking questions: animacja@uw.edu.pl.

Interviews for shortlisted applicants will take place via Skype on 26th and 27th of February 20015.

For more information:

http://blogs.staffs.ac.uk/residency/

https://www.facebook.com/residency

www.animacjakultury.uw.edu.pl

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Information about the place and the host organistaion

Wola district

Location of Wola within Warsaw, the capital city of Poland:

Młynów is the subdistrict of Wola, which area is 19,26 km2, what is 4% of the Warsaw's area. The population of Wola is estimated to be about 140,000. Wola was a typical industrial and labor part of the city before the World War II. Many of the famous factories were located there. Wola is developing really rapidly nowadays. Old, postindustrial buildings have been adopted by banks and global companies. Many areas of the District have been earmarked for housing development. The key communication routs are being modernized. Wola is transforming into a commercial part of the Warsaw, becoming its real business City, but at the same time it remains a district of many contrasts.

from: http://www.wola.waw.pl/page/1692,english-version.html

Młynów

Location of Młynów within the borough of Wola:

Since late Middle Ages, the area of modern Młynów belonged to the nearby village of Wielka Wola. Initially mostly occupied by arable land, in 1792 the Evangelical Cemetery of the Augsburg Confession was founded there. Soon afterwards additional cemeteries were build nearby: Christian Powązki Cemetery and the Okopowa Street Jewish Cemetery. In the 19th century the rapidly growing city swallowed Wola and its fields, located right outside the city limits were a convenient location for numerous windmills, which became the namesake for the entire area: Młynów's literal translation is "Place of Mills". During World War I, in 1916 Młynów, along with the rest of the suburb of Wola, was incorporated into the city of Warsaw. During the following war and the Warsaw Uprising of 1944 most of the original cityscape has been levelled to the ground by the Germans. After the war the neighbourhood was rebuilt, in part in Soc-Realist style.

from: Wikipedia

Partnership "Młynów na Woli" (Mill in the Wola district)

"We believe that the neighborhood community has the potential to change itself, inhabitants thus are the most familiar with local needs and resources. The partnership is the strength based on cooperation and positive energy".

The Parthership is an initiative involving local government institutions and NGOs working for the benefit of the inhabitants of the area between Okopowa, Leszno, Tyszkiewicza and Młynarska streets**.** The members of Partnership are aware of the fact that the inhabitants need support in solving the problems in the neighbourhood.

Partners: Caritas of the Archdiocese of Warsaw, Polish Scouting Association Warsaw Wola, Police District Command IV Wola Warsaw Bemowo, Social Welfare Centre Wola District Capital City Warsaw, Roman Catholic Church of St. Clement Hofbauer, Association Office of Social Initiatives "BORIS", Association of Education and Social Animation Praga Północ, Association of Help for Children "Gniazdo", Municipal Police, Primary School No. 166 "Żwirki and Wigury", Common Children's Cultural Centre in Cultural Centre "Żeromski", Municipality Office of the Wola District in Warsaw.

Previous initiatives of the Partnership:

- Map: getting to know the area of Partnership, we had a look on the map, which was the air photo of the area between Okopowa, Leszno, Tyszkiewicza and Młynarska streets. Each building and courtyard were discussed – each of the partners knew something about the area – e.g identifying the florist, the gate etc.

- Christmas: On 15th of December 2013 Primary School no. 166, "Żwirki and Wigury" took place on the first Christmas Eve of the Partnership. Everything that happened that evening was more than our expectations – the number of participants, the involvement of younger and older neighbours, height and beauty of the Christmas tree donated by the National Forests.

- Soup: Primary School no. 166 "Żwirki and Wigury" became the home for the Partnership and its hospitable hosts now prepare soup for us.

- Diagnosis of needs: Currently, the needs, ideas and potentiality of the area surrounding Gibalskiego street are being checked. Partners are planning to start activities for families living in the whole area covered by the partnership.

- Information for families: We are always identifying potential partners to help collate and developing interesting and important information about the local offer for families.

Websites (only in Polish):

https://www.facebook.com/pages/Młyn-na-Woli/1548735395367393?fref=ts

http://www.wola.waw.pl/page/2530,partnerstwo-mlyn-na-woli.html