

OPEN CALL >> Gelsenkirchen / GERMANY

Catch a Cat residency & VITSCHE invites cross-disciplinary artists (performance/ visual art / writers/ philosophers / historians) to apply for art residency with a theme FOREIGN VISITORS.

6 day residency gives the opportunity to work with a method of forum theatre where a group of 6 participants will perform short rehearsed scenes from the life of Ukrainian forced laborers after working with archive materials and letters.

With an instrument of forum-theatre Ukrainian joker will train participants from Ukraine and Germany to empower audience members of Gelsenkirchen town to retransform Second world war experience into a social and political change. Final result - public performance with audience involvement.

Language of the project English. Knowledge of German will be an advantage when selecting participants.

The call is aimed at artists that are interested in exploring a technique of forum theatre, research-based practice, theme of memory and social justice, social interaction, engaging with an atmosphere of the town, walking, communicating, exchanging experiences with a group, empathy listening and fostering mutual understanding of own perceptions shaped by colonial legacies . The result of this residency will empower marginalized voices through art and historical reflection.

Applications will be accepted UNTIL >>> 9.03.2026

Residency includes:

- 6 day accommodation and meals (18-24th of April 2026)
- travel costs
- facilitation sessions
- forum theatre trainings

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