

OPEN CALL space | lab connects:
Future Land - How do we want to live together?



The project "space | lab connects" connects places in the Essen Nord neighborhood and artists from the Ruhr area through artistic collaborations on the topic of "Future Land - How do we want to live together?".

After the summer festival "space | lab is running" in 2022, where we created an artistic parcours through the neighborhood with dance and performances, and a talk format in 2023, where we invited different perspectives on a topic, we now want to work with and at 4 locations from our immediate neighborhood. We are looking for artistic positions from the performing arts such as dance, performance, music and media art.

Possible artistic collaborations could be, for example: a concert behind the counter, a video installation in a small store, a performance between the shelves. Anything is possible.

The concepts submitted should be flexible enough to take place at all participating locations and relate to the theme "Future Land - How do we want to live together?". The call for entries is aimed at up-and-coming artists from Essen and the surrounding area who are at the beginning of their career. The concepts should be realizable with little or no technology. In addition to the final presentation, the focus of "space | lab connects" is on the artists' collaboration with the locations and in the neighborhood.

The locations

We will announce the participating locations after the application deadline. They will be locations such as a post office, a parking garage, a bakery or even a hairdressing salon. Nevertheless, it is important that your concepts are not written exclusively for one location, as the locations will choose a concept.

Selection process

The space | lab team collects the applications and compiles them for the venues. The artistic positions are selected at the end of April. The participating locations will each select an artistic concept for themselves from the applications submitted.

space | lab connects offers:

- A gross fee of €2,300 per artistic position
- Organizational support from the space | lab team
- Material costs by arrangement
- Artistic work in places of everyday life

What we need from you:

- please send your application to spacelab@polymerdmtdmt.com
- Concept and letter of motivation max. 2 pages
- Overview of previous work max. 1 page
- Short biography max. 1000 characters

Time frame:

- Applications by April 21 2024
- Feedback by the beginning of May 2024
- Work phase with the locations June 10 to June 21 2024 (5 days during this period)
- Rehearsal dates will be coordinated with locations during the working phase
- Public showing at the locations: between June 20 and 22 2024



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