

THE TWIN CITIES ART PROJECT – CROSSINGS 2017

CROSSINGS 2017 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

- letter of consent from the participating cities by the end of July 2016
- application for funding will be sent on the 1st of September 2016
- first meeting between artists in October 2016
- time to prepare the workshops till the end of year 2016
- tour to the participating cities planned to start in early spring 2017
- tour ends in Hämeenlinna on week 31 in the summer of 2017



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The city of Hämeenlinna is preparing for a grand jubilee in the year 2017 in celebration of Finland's 100 years of independence. As a part of the celebrations, we are building an international art project between twin cities and other friendly cities around Europe.

Our aim is to gather an interdisciplinary group of artists, approx. 8-10 people from 4-5 cities. This group will form working pairs so that each pair will contain two artists from different fields of art. The pairs will then plan a workshop that combines techniques and features from both of their fields. These workshops will then go on tour to the participating cities, where the activities will last for three days and will be aimed for young people between the ages of 16 and 20.

*"Art is an international language that connects
different nationalities."*

The structure of the participating group can be determined by each city, but we recommend involving people with, for example, immigrant or refugee backgrounds. Each workshop could take in approx. 10 participants in total.

The tour will end in Hämeenlinna at the UrbanJamboree, a massive camp for children and youth from Finland and around the world. Last evening of the camp will be dedicated for this project. We want to welcome as many people as possible from the Crossings cities as well.

Crossings 2017 will seek funding from CIMO. Funding requires self-financing, but it can be gathered from working hours and facilities. The amount of funding depends on the number of participating cities, but we have estimated that the sum will be around 120 000€ in total.

At this point, we hope to hear from you unofficially – are you interested in the project, would you like to be a part of the Crossings group and who will be your towns contact person regarding the matter. After this first round we'll gather further information and will get back to you as soon as possible.

