

Call for participation

Professional exchange – Art and Play in Public Spaces

The Cultural Education Team of the Department of Arts and Culture of the City of Munich invites artists and cultural practitioners from Munich and across Europe to a day of professional exchange and networking. The focus is on "Art and Play in Public Spaces" – an excellent opportunity to show best practices, spark new ideas, and collaboratively explore the societal potential of participatory art projects.

Since the 1970s, walk-in and participatory play spaces have been developed in Munich, e.g. by the KEKS group. In 2024, the City of Munich tested five KunstSpielOrte (ArtPlayPlaces) in the Messestadt Riem district – artistic interventions that enabled encounters, participation and creative play in public spaces (www.kunstspielorte.de). Additionally, in collaboration with the Lenbachhaus, the Cultural Department has invited the Chinese artist collective "Eight Immortal Table" for a residency at Ebenböckhaus (Artist in Residence Munich www.air-m.de) in late 2026 to develop ideas for participatory projects in Munich's public space.

The professional exchange aims to highlight the various qualities of playful art and artistic play – from cultural policy perspectives to socially impactful or subversive approaches.

● Event Details:

- » December 8, 2026, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- » Kulturzentrum LUISE, Munich
- » Communication: Englisch

● What participants can expect:

- » Short presentations on different aspects of mediating art and play in public spaces
- » Discussions in rotating groups on experiences and relevant themes
- » Opportunities to present own projects and network

● Timeline:

- » Call for applications: By **September 30, 2026**
- » Selection and feedback: Mid-October 2026
- » Program planning: By the end of October 2026

● Who can submit contributions?

Artists, play educators, cultural practitioners, urban players, and mediators from Munich and across Europe working on participatory projects involving art and play in public spaces

● Application:

If you wish to participate as a contributor, please answer the following questions in a PDF (max. 2 A4 pages):

1. What motivates you to participate in this professional exchange?
2. What do you expect from the program?
3. What experiences do you bring, and what could you share with the group in a short presentation?

Please send your application with a CV to **kunstspielorte@muenchen.de**

If you have any special needs, please let us know in your application.

Contributors will receive a compensation, plus travel and accommodation expenses fully covered.

For questions, contact **kunstspielorte@muenchen.de**

Application
Deadline
Sept 30, 2026



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