



## OPEN CALL

# International art project OPEN SPACES 800

Dear artists,

The new edition of the Bocholt international and intercultural art project **OPEN SPACES** will take place from 17 to 27 September 2021 at KUNSTHAUS BOCHOLT and on the open KUBAAI grounds.

As curator for the cross-border art project **OPEN SPACES 800**, I would like to invite you to apply for this art project.

**This invitation is your guide to apply for OPEN SPACES 800. Further information can be found at: [www.openspaces800.de](http://www.openspaces800.de)**

A total of 15 artists from Germany and abroad can apply for the **open call** for applications for **OPEN SPACES 800**.

At the beginning of February 2021, an independent jury of experts will select 15 artists from the submitted **project ideas** and invite them to participate.

During the project period starting on 17 September, the selected artists will work on their artworks on site in Bocholt. The two **workshop/exhibition locations in-SPACE KUNSTHAUS** and **out-SPACE KUBAAI** are available for this purpose.

**OPEN SPACES 800 in 2021:**

**SPACE BOCHOLT - home town, place of living, learning and working ...**



### CONTENT OF THE ART PROJECT:

The title **OPEN SPACES 800** refers to the following closely related themes:

**1)** In terms of content, it is intended to anticipate the **800th anniversary of the city of Bocholt**, which will be celebrated in 2022. The theme **CITY** is to be considered artistically in all its facets, with the border and European city of **BOCHOLT** at its centre.

STADT = active place (SPACE) of living together

STADT = centre and surroundings

CITY = Past, Today, Tomorrow

CITY = culture, economy, life between work and recreation

STADT = home town (Heimat) and place of refuge

**2)** The Corona pandemic has made **SPACE** a vital issue for all people. All communities - whether town, village, country - have been/are being put to the test by the pandemic. This also applies to the city of Bocholt, its surroundings and the border area with the Netherlands.

SPACE = nearness and distance

SPACE = respecting the space of the other

SPACE = for the fundamental right to health

SPACE = new solutions to preserve the Community

SPACE = town - village - country

This also includes the question: What could the **home town of Bocholt** look like in the future?

- **Border town** ... At home in cross-border diversity

- **Europe** ... Home of cultures of every generation

- **Place of welcome** ... Solidarity and social cohesion

- **Place of life** ... people-friendly, creative, environmentally conscious

- **Future place** ... ecosocial, sustainable, economically visionary



We would like to invite you as an artist to take a closer look at the SPACE BOCHOLT and apply for the project.

The OPEN SPACES 800 WORD CUBE is available as an inspiration and artistic "travel guide". It presents at a glance the individual themes that are inseparably linked with the SPACE CITY BOCHOLT.



Project ideas and work concepts are to be developed and realised from these impulses as:

Painting, drawing, printmaking,  
photography,  
collage,  
Object art, installation,  
digital art.

#### WORKSHOP/EXHIBITION VENUES:

in-SPACE KUNSTHAUS & out-SPACE KUBAAI

The artists work on site in the KUNSTHAUS BOCHOLT and on the open KUBAAI grounds:

Together - side by side - in dialogue with interested visitors.



The **in-SPACE KUNSTHAUS** is a historical building from the 19th century, whose room dimensions have a classical structure. The spatial conditions of the building inevitably influence the works of art to be created.

The **out-SPACE at the KUBAAI site**, a cultural quarter currently under construction, is available for larger objects in the outside area. This place is also historical: it is home to the history of the textile industry of the 19th century. A tent roof provides protection.

#### **ACCOMMODATION & ARTIST FEE:**

**Accommodation:** Artists who are not resident in Bocholt will be accommodated with host families. This gives all guest artists a kind of "home away from home" feeling in Bocholt during the workshop phase. **Further information in the application form.**

**Artist's fee:** Participants of **OPEN SPACES 800** will receive an artist's fee. **Further information in the application form.**

#### **APPLICATION:**

Please fill in the application form.

Applications can be **submitted until Friday, 29 January 2021 (17.00) at the latest:**

**Only in digital form.**

Please **send the application form via e-mail to: [info@openspaces800.de](mailto:info@openspaces800.de)**

In **German or English language.**

Applications in paper form and by post will not be considered.

#### **ORGANIZER:**

**OPEN SPACES 800** is organised by the *City of Bocholt* (Department of Culture and Education) in cooperation with *LWL-TextilWerk*, *Euregio-Kunstkreis im Kunsthaus Bocholt*, *Europe Direct Informationszentrum Bocholt*, *Stadtsparkasse Bocholt* and *Grenzhoppers*. **OPEN SPACES 800** is funded by the *State of North Rhine-Westphalia* under the programme "*Heimat-Werkstatt*".



## **OPEN SPACES 800: A shared art experience and art experiment!**

### **FORUM OF IDEAS:**

**OPEN SPACES 800** starts in May 2021 with a public **IDEAS FORUM**. At this forum of ideas, the 15 artists and interested citizens will be invited to a "get-to-know-each-other" meeting in Bocholt, possibly as an online meeting via video conference/streaming. Further details will be announced.

### **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

As part of **OPEN SPACES 800**, the PEOPLE PARTICIPATION ARTSPROJECT **MY SPACES 008** will take place from 17 to 27 September. This is aimed at people living and working in the Bocholt area, the surrounding area and the border region. These are the **BUILDING BLOCKS** of TOWN - VILLAGE - COUNTRY – HOME (HEIMAT).

This art project is an interactive and inspiring experience for artists and visitors of all ages - across borders!

Therefore, as curator of **OPEN SPACES 800** I am already looking forward to your applications and ideas!

If you have any questions, please contact me via e-mail: [info@openspaces800.de](mailto:info@openspaces800.de).

With kind regards,

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Curator OPEN SPACES 800

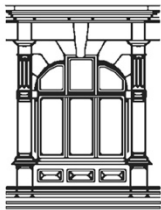
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