

OPEN CALL FOR ARTISTS

The programme OPEN A.i.R., held under the auspices of Pilsen 2015, announces an open call for artists in the field of visual arts:

Residential stay for artists in Pilsen in the Creative zone DEPO2015

Duration of stay: mid-February – end of March 2019 (4-6 weeks)

Number of residents: 1

Resident profile: We are looking for an artist with a focus on multimedia and digital art, especially on light installations. The artist should be interested in interacting with the local art scene, with individuals and / or organizations. We also support the link with the Ladislav Sutnar Faculty of Design and Art (University of West Bohemia).

Aim and topic of the residence: Creating a site-specific installation in the premises of DEPO2015 that will be presented to the public during the 5th edition of BLIK BLIK, the annual festival of light and art in the public space on March 29th and 30th 2019. Since its inception in 2015 the festival offers a weekend show of contemporary light art that is always held in a different part of the City of Pilsen. The festival appeals to the interest of a wide audience; in 2018 the festival had 35,000 visitors.

The residence will end with the presentation of the installation at the BLIK BLIK festival. During the residence it is possible to organize a workshop for the general public or for students of the Ladislav Sutnar Faculty of Design and Art Pilsen.

Premises: Creative zone DEPO2015, Presslova Street 14, Pilsen



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The organizer of the residence ensures:

Travel costs (up to max. CZK 2,500)

Accommodation in an apartment

Material and technical support during the residence according to the complexity of the project (up to max. CZK 15,000 gross for the material and CZK 15,000 gross for external services; or according to the means of DEPO2015 and the artistic purpose)

Scholarship (CZK 20,000 gross)

The **application** must contain the following three documents in pdf format (in Czech or English):

Structured curriculum vitae

Portfolio (max. 10 pages)

Letter of motivation with a description of the artistic intention

Submit your application by November 30th 2018 via e-mail to: residence@depo2015.cz

An expert jury will select the artist by December 14th 2018.

Concise information about the provider and the venue of the residence:

OPEN A.i.R.

The main aim of the Artist-in-residence programme OPEN A.i.R. is to open the Pilsen cultural scene and promote the exchange of ideas, creative experiences, processes, techniques and contacts. The programme focuses on inviting Czech and international artists and sending Czech artists abroad. Since its foundation in 2012, OPEN A.i.R. has realized 57 residency projects and supported thus the work of more than 80 artists.

From April 2015 the OPEN A.i.R. programme is based in the Creative zone DEPO2015 where it has access to facilities such as a shared studio and accommodation for artists, but mainly a diverse range of open craft workshops that belong to the so-called [Makerspace DEPO2015](#). These include, among others, a wood workshop, a metal workshop, a FabLab with 3D printer and laser, a screen-printing workshop, a darkroom, a sewing workshop and a graphics workshop. Thus, artists can use the machines and the craftsmanship and expertise of our experienced staff for their project.

The Creative zone DEPO2015 is one of the pillars of sustainability of the Pilsen European Capital of Culture 2015 project. It is a place where culture and business connect. In the former depot of the municipal transport company you can also find a co-working space, interactive exhibitions, a café, a community garden, offices and studios for rent, as well as halls for concerts, conferences and theatre performances, in addition to the above-mentioned [Makerspace](#) and artist studios. Its main objective is to support the so-called creative industries.

Web: www.depo2015.cz

For more information about the OPEN A.i.R. programme and this open call for artists do not hesitate to contact the residence coordinator Markéta Vacovská: residence@depo2015.cz