

(Dis)Connect Media Art Festival Łódź brings together local and international communities and unpacks the state of flux in which we find ourselves today.

The program consists of the 'Here and Elsewhere' exhibition, the 'Zjawiska/Actions' live performances, and the 'Energy Workshop'.



Zjawiska/Actions

A selection of multimedia installations, transmedia performances, and sound-based artworks, takes us on a journey through local soundscapes, communities, and collaborations between human and non-human actors. Multiple actions like listening, collecting, recording, building, editing, and composing, transform found sounds into sound environments and found objects into sculpture and upcycled industrial/fashion media art objects. All of these ethereal findings introduce us to a world of Łódź's micro-stories that are not told but picked, signals that are detected, recorded, played, and remixed in a post-industrial space filled with

potential sonic artifacts and reusable objects that appear to be ubiquitous fragments of an unrelated past.

The actions that we present are also intensely experimental. The artists dissect elements of the immateriality of sound and urban memories, they retweak analog media and formats, and they build and model layers of interpretation of urban living experience that in the space of this festival are open to being experienced, contested and immersed within.

# Program by Zjawiska/Actions

#### Wednesday, 18 January

18.30-19.30 Pleasure of Items, audiovisual performance by Kolektyw Pełnia

#### Thursday, 19 January

12.00-17.00 Rozpuszczam włosy i grzeszę w myślach w ukryciu nocy w snach, action by No przesada

12.00-17.00 *Flora*, plant-based sound installation by Syntia Chojnowska 19.00-20.00 Showcase of the label *Pointless Geometry* by TJ Głupiec, Copy Corpo

# Friday, 20 January

18.00-20.00 *Temple of Urania*, audiovisual installation by Justyna Banaszczyk, Darek Pietraszewski, and Tomek Popakul

# Sunday, 22 January

18.00-20.00 *Temple of Urania*, audiovisual installation by Justyna Banaszczyk, Darek Pietraszewski, and Tomek Popakul



**Energy Workshop** 

Energy Workshop - Sip, Share, Speculate (<u>registration</u> is required)

Saturday, 21 January | 12.00h – 14.00h | Art Inkubator Łódź

What is it like to live in a time of crisis where resources like electricity, gas, and oil are becoming increasingly scarce and unaffordable? How does it affect academia, the arts, and activism? We invite participants to sip (tea), share (stories), and speculate (immediate futures) with us on the implications of the energy crisis. We approach energy as both a natural resource and a necessity for human vitality. The workshop provides context and tools to collectively address this urgent matter by bringing people together from various fields in Łódź and beyond. We focus on how the energy crisis is experienced on a micro-scale and invite participants to contribute their personal and professional understandings using mind and body prompts. The workshop's outcome is publicly presented as a research exhibition, investigating what it means to live during a time of uncertainty.

# Energy Exhibition - Sipped, Shared, Speculated

Saturday, 21 January | 15.00h – 20.00h | Art\_Inkubator Łódź

The *Energy Exhibition* is open to the public and presents the research collectively conducted by the participants of the *Energy Workshop*.



#### Here and Elsewhere [Permanent Exhibition]

18-22 January | 12.00h – 20.00h | Art Inkubator Łódź

Here and Elsewhere explores the connection and disconnection between intimate, urban, and virtual spaces. Nine international artists examine how our perceptions of space are influenced by our experiences and how we position ourselves within them. As we navigate through the complexities of urban life, our past, present, and future habitats become difficult to define: more often than not, we find ourselves in the liminal —the portal between here and someplace new. The exhibition encourages visitors to disconnect from the overwhelming stimuli of the city and embrace the infinite ways of inhabiting the in-between spaces of "Here and Elsewhere."

# Here and Elsewhere [Guided Tours] (registration is required)

Friday 20 January, 2023 | 15.00h - 16.00h | Art\_Inkubator Łódź

Sunday 22 January, 2023 | 14.00h - 15.00h | Art Inkubator Łódź

Sunday 22 January, 2023 | 17.00h – 18.00h | Art\_Inkubator Łódź