



WHITE FLAG

Karin van der Molen (NL) Katharina Lökenhoff (D) Pat van Boeckel (NL) Karem Ibrahim (EG/GB)



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

INVITATION TO THE SYMPOSIUM

How do we cope with fear for the future, loss of grip and meaning, in our art? This is one of the questions the White Flag Art Project is concerned with. The White Flag Art Project is an international, artist-led project that explores the "White Flag" as an artistic theme to take up and address current global challenges. In the context of the exhibition WHITE FLAG at Kunsthaus Essen e.V. from August 11 - September 10, 2023 a symposium will take place on **Sunday, August 13**.

TAKE PART IN THE SYMPOSIUM

On the occasion of the symposium we invite all interested artists* to share their ideas and artistic works on the theme of the "White Flag". This can be in the form of newly created or existing

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works, digital representations or the actual work brought with you to the symposium. Any format is OK (2D, 3D, poetry, performance, dance) as long as they deal with the broad theme of a white flag: surrender, refusal to fight, acknowledging problems and challenges but having no solutions, pause before opinions etc. If you have your own original take on the subject, we are curious and open to it too.

During the symposium, the initiators of the project (Karin van der Molen (NL), Katharina Lökenhoff (D), Pat van Boeckel (NL) and Karem Ibrahim (EG/GB)) will explain the background of their exhibition and will be happy to personally exchange ideas with the contributors to the symposium. The symposium program offers film fragments, personal presentations, a moderated group exchange and the possibility to create a network between the initiators, the participating artists* and the audience. The afternoon will end together with drinks and finger food afterwards.

Please send your contribution in digital form with your name, a short CV, a short explanation and the reference to the theme WHITE FLAG as JPG, video link or text to: karin.molen@gmail.com till August 6, 2023.

SYMPOSIUM 13.08.2023

15:00 Tour of the exhibition
16:00 Individual presentations of the White Flag artists with subsequent exchange
17:00 Presentation of the submitted contributions in dialogue with the audience
18:00 Break, deepening and discussion
19:00 Drinks and finger food, open end

THE WHITE FLAG EXHIBITION

From **August 11 - September 10, 2023**, the artists* Karin van der Molen (NL), Katharina Lökenhoff (D), Pat van Boeckel (NL) and Karem Ibrahim (EG/GB) present the WHITE FLAG art project at Kunsthaus Essen. The artists aim to explore the artistic possibilities and meaning of the "White Flag" as a response to global challenges and crises. The project aims to foster new perspectives, understanding, dialogue and connection between artists* and audiences.

The WHITE FLAG Art Project stands for humanity, empathy, non-knowledge and non-nationalism, acknowledging our inability to find immediate solutions for global problems.

With warm greetings from Kunsthaus Essen e.V.
Christoph Hildebrand

