



Call for Odnushka Art Residency

As part of the Odnushka art project at the Novo–Molokovo housing complex

Venue: *Novo–Molokovo* housing Complex, crossing of Volodarskoye highway and Vasilii Molokov Street

Dates: June–September 2019

A new art residency in the Moscow area has launched an open call for proposals. The residency is situated in the *Novo–Molokovo* housing complex in the Leninsky district of the Moscow area and the release is a part of the *Odnushka* art project, initiated by artist Elena Kolesnikova, curator Elena Ishchenko and the Austrian Cultural Forum in Moscow. This project is part of a major social and research project “НА РАЙОНЕ/NA RAJONE: cultural and artistic dynamics between city center, districts and periphery”.

The *Odnushka* project represents a social sculpture, dedicated to the most popular type of housing in Russia—the one-room flat. The project is going to be realized as a public art project in Novo–Molokovo, one of the most ambitious new districts on the outskirts of Moscow. Elena Kolesnikova and Elena Ishchenko transform an ex-sales office into a typical, but free-standing, one-room flat, transforming the intimate place that represents a flat into a public space where meetings and discussions among inhabitants of the newly built *Novo–Molokovo* housing complex can take place. As a meeting place with a cultural program, “Odnushka” at the same time explores the experiences of people in modern conditions of new apartments and new housing districts, where everything starts over—renovation, friends, family, daily routines, space for relaxing, and daily habits.

“NA RAJONE is planned to be an artistic exchange, a visualization of the culturally most relevant and dynamic places of big cities today—the districts, the outskirts. It is there where new aesthetics are created, where most people live and where social and “normal” life is forming and defining what culture actually is. Novo–Molokovo is one of the most ambitious and promising elements of this project. Working at this place is a great opportunity to not simply drop off some art works, but to really get involved and create an artistic place. Over months Odnushka will work in Novo–Molokovo to create a friendly but truly artistic place, interacting with its environment while working on a major international presentation to be held in late autumn “, says Simon Mraz.

“Development of territories by cultural tools, when with the help of cultural practices people are included into community’s evolvement – is one of the main strategies of Aksenov Family Foundation”, so the director of AFF, Viktoria Kondrashova, «that is why we decided to support the initiative of Austrian cultural forum and got involved into production of “Odnushka”.

Proposals of artistic and educational projects that could be realized in *Odnushka* or in the *Novo-Molokovo* housing complex from June until October 2019 are being accepted. The medium of the project is not restricted, and all formats—exhibition, performance, lecture, workshop, research project—are welcome. Preference is given to projects focusing on collaboration with residents of the *Novo-Molokovo* housing complex and the local environment or research about it.

Applicants must be over 18 years old; country and city of residence do not matter.

Four projects will be selected to be realized. They will be chosen by artist Lena Kolesnikova, curator Elena Ishchenko, and head of the local Novo-Molokovo library Margarita Peterson.

The residency offers:

- The possibility to work in the *Odnushka* space;
- help in coordination of the project (arranging meetings with locals and guided tours);
- artist fee in the amount of 15000 Rub.;
- budget for production (up to 10000 Rub.).
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Travel costs and accommodation **are not covered**, but the resident could live in the *Odnushka* space (there is no shower, however).

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Application and portfolio should be sent via e-mail to **odnushka.residency@gmail.com**. The applications are accepted during **the period May 15–26**. The results will be announced on June 1.

Please include the following information in your application:

- Application (please fill it out online https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScVRcjy1GeUNLgos1YRFBOywVSojs4NsBr0F6gd0evv8PPWGw/viewform?usp=sf_link);
- portfolio (pdf, up to 25 MB)

Incomplete and/or incorrect applications will not be considered.

Elena Kolesnikova

Artist, architect. Born in 1984 in Irkutsk. Graduated from MARCHI (Moscow architect university) and self-proclaimed Krasnodar institute of contemporary art (KICA). As an artist explores the themes of living space and architecture, creates concept objects, social sculptures and performances. Lives and works in Gelengzhik.

Elena Ishchenko

Curator, art critic. Born in 1991 in Belgorod. She graduated from the Faculty of Journalism of Moscow State University. Editor and co-founder of aroundart.org, a magazine on contemporary art. Chief curator of the Typography Center for Contemporary Art (Krasnodar). Nominee of the Innovation 2017 Award in the nomination “Curator of the Year” for the project “Between Fatigue: Towards the New Forms of Life” (2017). Studied contemporary art, in particular self-organized initiatives, artistic communities and collective forms of work. Lives and works in Krasnodar and Moscow.