

## **JAPANESE ARTIST WANTED FOR A RESIDENCY IN PILSEN**

**Pižeň 2015, zapsaný ústav, artist in residence program OPEN A.i.R.** (Pilsen, Czech Republic) and **Youkobo Art Space** (Tokyo, Japan) is announcing an open call for Japanese artists living and working in Japan.

**Date of residency:** February-mid – March-end 2019 (6weeks in total)

**Number of participants:** 1

**Profile of the resident:** Japanese artist living and working in Japan, good command in English, spoken and written. We look for an artist who works in the fields of visual art, design, interactive and digital installation in public space.

**Applications** including **CV, portfolio** and **cover letter** commenting on artistic intention (all in English) should be sent no later than **September 15th, 2018** to: Youkobo Art Space, [info@youkobo.co.jp](mailto:info@youkobo.co.jp). Residents will be chosen by a specialist jury by September 30th, 2018.

**Application Form: Download** [here](#).

**Residency assignment and goal:** The artist will work in the creative zone DEPO2015 in the city of Pilsen. We want artist to create a site-specific artwork which will address the topic of art in public space. The artwork should be digital and ideally interactive installation working with light design. During the residency, the artist will take part in at least two public events. The first one will be a workshop / artist talk / informal meeting with fellow artists and/or broad public (to be decided together with the artists). The second one is final presentation of his/her work at the end of the residency. The outcome of the residency may be presented during the **BLIK BLIK festival of light and art in public space** at the end of March 2019 and should be interactive and/or digital installation.

In your cover letter please indicate how would you like to fulfill the aforementioned by your artistic production. Please mention how you would like to approach the topic of the residency, the ideas you would like to target during the residency. Let us know what motivates you to come to live and work in Pilsen.

**The organizer of the residency (DEPO2015) will provide:**

- Transport (up to €750)
- Accommodation
- Material and technical equipment required for the residency (up to €800)
- Stipendium (€500 gross)

**Accommodation for resident:** The resident will be accommodated in the shared apartment that is located in the city of Pilsen. There is private room, shared kitchen, bathroom, toilet and a storage room.

**The DEPO2015 is a lively space where culture meets with business.** The main aim is to support creative industries. The DEPO2015 Creative Zone is a sustainable outcome of the Pilsen - European Capital of Culture 2015 project. At the former bus depot, you can find an open workshop called Makerspace offering a co-working space, interactive exhibitions, a café, a community garden, offices for hire, art studios, a space for artistic residencies and a hall for concerts, conferences and theatre shows.



DEPO2015 courtyard. The Observation Points (installation by Nozomi Watanabe, June 2017). Photo (c) Michal Poustka

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**For more information check:**

OPEN A.i.R.: [www.facebook.com/openairplzen](http://www.facebook.com/openairplzen)

DEPO2015: [www.depo2015.cz](http://www.depo2015.cz)

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