

Call for Creative Practitioners: Apply for the 2026 Art Residency in Kuldīga Municipality

The “*Notes on the Margins*” invites creative practitioners to apply for an art residency programme, encouraging engagement in exploring and developing the local cultural environment.

The artist residency in the Kuldīga region, Latvia will take place in August for the sixth time already, bringing together Latvian and international creatives in small rural towns of Skrunda, Nīkrāce, Rudbārži, Padure, and Alsunga. This year’s theme is “Illustrated Stories.”

Within the residency, participants will spend one month living in one of the locations mentioned above exploring their culture and engaging with the local community. The creative process shall focus on stories told by people – historical events, myths, and legends – interpreting and developing them through various artistic expressions. Every town, village, and family holds its own unique stories – tragic, humorous, mysterious, or historically significant – often connected to specific individuals and reflecting the social, political, religious, and cultural contexts of different eras.

Creative output may take many forms – from drawing, painting, and photography to video, sculpture, dramaturgy, music, writing, illustration, and more. The residency shall result in an exhibition, showcasing printed publications, photographic series, plein air works, compositions, or staged video narratives that capture locations significant to the stories. In September, participants will present their work for public view.

Application

Application period: April 1 - May 13, 2026

Submit applications to: ilze.grinfelde@kuldigasnovads.lv

See regulations for the application and the information to be submitted [here](#)

Each selected participant will receive an honorarium of approximately EUR 1000 (after taxes).

Results will be announced at the end of June 2026.

For questions, please contact the art curator Raimonds Kalējs – raimonds.kalejs@gmail.com or project coordinator Ilze Grīnfelde – ilze.grinfelde@kuldigasnovads.lv

About the Residency

The aim of the residency is to bring together representatives of various creative fields and local residents in a shared creative process, fostering exploration and research of local cultural heritage.

The project “*Notes on the Margins*” is implemented within the framework of the Liepāja 2027 programme, with funding from the Ministry of Culture, the City of Liepāja, South Kurzeme, and Kuldīga Municipality. The project is supported by its main partner in environmental education and sustainability, AS “CleanR Group,” and mobility partner SIA “Lux Express Latvia.”

The project is developed in collaboration with municipal cultural sector specialists and independent curator Maija Rudovska.