



## Community Arts: Unexplored Opportunities

Forum of the Baltic-Nordic Community Arts network

**20-21 April, 2022**

ISSP Gallery, Marijas Street 13 k.3, Berga Bazārs,  
Riga, Latvia

### PROGRAMME

**20 April**

11:00 Introduction

11:15 **Keynote speech “Participatory and Community Art” via video link**  
**François Matarasso, freelance community artist, writer and consultant,**  
**an author of the book [“A Restless Art”](#)**

12:00 Q&A

~12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break

**13:30 Community Arts CASE STUDIES from Baltic and Nordic countries**

13:30 Estonia

**“Chat stops”: Estonian literature in public space**

Kristel Kalda, Owner-manager of a small community bookshop Biblioteek

**“My Secret Double”: an art project on depression and mental health**

Küllli Hansen, Board Member of Tartu Centre for Creative Industries

14:00 Sweden

**Experience from Virserums Konsthall**

Carolina Jonsson, Director of Virserums Konsthall

**Project from Gothenburg - art as community building**

Peter Nylund, artist

14:30 Latvia

**Public art programme “Together”**

Līga Lindenbauma, Latvian Centre for Contemporary Art

**Community building and development using applied theatre as a tool.**

**Examples from INITIUM's work locally and internationally.**

Ieva Niedre, Board Member of Initum Foundation

15:15 **Discussion “Challenges of community arts projects”** with presenters led by the moderator

15:45 Visit to *Agenskalna market* – a place revitalized by the power of local community  
Darja Trizna, project manager of Agenskalna market

## **21 April**

10:00 **Workshop “Communities engagement in artistic process. Steps, examples and exercises”**  
Ieva Niedre, Board Member of [Initum](#) Foundation

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 **Community Arts workshop “WHAT CAN WE DO?”**  
[Krista Burane](#), theatre and film director, play and scriptwriter

15:00 Coffee break

15:20 **Presentation of a new community art initiative in Virserum, Sweden**  
Carolina Jonsson, Director of Virserums Konsthall

### **Conclusions and discussion about future of community arts projects in time of crisis**

Carolina Jonsson, Director of Virserums Konsthall

Küllli Hansen, Board Member of Tartu Centre for Creative Industries

Ieva Niedre, Board Member of Initum Foundation

Krista Burane, theatre and film director, play and scriptwriter

16:00 - 17:00 *Informal networking*

The Baltic-Nordic Community Arts network has been developed by [Culturelab](#) (Latvia), [Tartu Centre for Creative Industries](#) (Estonia) and [Virserums Konsthall](#) (Sweden).

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