

RESIDENCE BOTKYRKA

Residence Botkyrka is a new international residency program in Fittja. City space and urban living will be used as a platform for artistic production. Residence Botkyrka acts within an interdisciplinary field between art, architecture and social structures. Residence Botkyrka produces knowledge regarding social practice and the identity of city space and public sphere.

RESIDENCE BOTKYRKA is a collaboration between Botkyrka konsthall, The Multicultural Centre (MKC) and the City planning department in the municipality of Botkyrka.

WELCOME

to a full-day seminar and the launch of a new residency program!

SATURDAY 18 APRIL 2009, 9 AM–4 PM

What is a residency? What is a city?

A full-day seminar at the Multicultural Centre and Botkyrka konsthall.
In English.

In two panels with international participants; artists, curators and researchers, the seminar focus on the two major topics: *What is a residency? What is a city?* The discussion will revolve around how art can be a factor in urban development, activating people on a local level, and how the identity of a city area can be shaped and understood.

9 AM, The Multicultural Centre, Fittja: *What is a city?*

Matthijs de Bruijne (artist), Michail Galanakis (D.Arts, architect), Hassan Hosseini (sociologist), Ove Sernhede (professor in social work).
Introduction and moderator: Leif Magnusson (MKC).

1.30 PM, Botkyrka konsthall, Tumba: *What is a residency?*

Lisa Torell (artist), Ika Sienkiewicz-Nowacka (a-i-r laboratory), Cecilia Widenheim (Iaspis). *Introduction and moderator: Milou Allerholm (art critic).*

LIMITED NUMBER OF SEATS.

Ticket SEK 100 to be paid at the door. Coffee, lunch, and bus trip between Fittja and Tumba is included. The registration is conclusive.

REGISTRATION to Niklas Östholm, Project Manager at Botkyrka konsthall:
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In relation to the seminar a new website will open www.residencebotkyrka.se

The easiest way to get to the Multicultural Centre (MKC) is by taking the subway: red line, direction Norsborg, to Fittja station (from T-centralen 30 min). There after follow the signs.

Residence Botkyrka wants to gather knowledge from the rapid formation and introduction of international residency programs that has taken place in recent years.

Residence Botkyrka a context based residency program in relation to the city planning process in the municipality of Botkyrka.

The municipality of Botkyrka has a population of about 80 000; one third has their roots in about one hundred different countries around the globe, making Botkyrka one of Sweden's most international municipalities. Botkyrka is located south of Stockholm as a part of Greater Stockholm.

The area of Fittja was built in only three years in the early 1970s. The houses that significantly mark the area have been recognized as having a strong sculptural expression. Fittja is now about thirty-five years old and not much has happened regarding its development. The municipality of Botkyrka has expressed a vision that Fittja within thirty years will have undergone a definite transformation. With new architecture and meeting places Fittja will have turned itself from an urban area to a city. Residence Botkyrka poses that contemporary art and ideas will have a great impact on the architectural and social changes on the way.

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