

## **Panel discussion :**

### **Experiences of foreign-born professionals in the field of art and culture in Pirkanmaa**

*6th of August 2021, 14:00 - 15:30 (Q&A 15:30 - 17:00)*

*ARS108 festival*

*Souranderintie 2, Tehdassaari, Nokia*

#### *Panelists:*

- Ilaria Tucci, certified diversity agent, professional in the theatre, acting and performative arts;
- Luiza Preda, independent artists, production and stage designer, Tampere University Student Ambassador;
- Juha Ahonen, Culture Director for the City of Tampere;
- Maikki Kantola, regional artist of cultural diversity for Arts Promotion Centre (TAIKE).

#### *Moderator:*

- Ruby Gupte, Chairperson for Globe Art Point ry.

The panel discussion, organized by Tampere Intercultural Art together with Globe Art Point, within the framework of PUBLICS' *Parahosting* program as a part of ARS108 festival that will take place in Nokia on the 6th of August, 2021. The discussion focuses on the experiences of foreign-born professionals in the field of art and culture in Pirkanmaa.

The event aims to address the pressing matters and launch a constructive dialogue among a wide range of stakeholders (artists, culture professionals, institutions, city officials).

We hope that in the long run this dialogue will help to improve the representation and inclusion of the foreign-born professionals in the arts and cultural sector in Pirkanmaa and Finland overall, promoting the diversity of the field which in the end benefits all of us.

Panel discussion takes place between 14.00 - 15:30, after which there is time for Q&A and networking until 17.00.

## **About the organizers:**

### **Tampere Intercultural Art**

Tampere Intercultural Art is a community of artists, culture professionals and enthusiasts formed in 2020. Our goal is to bring out the work of aspiring international artists and promote intercultural dialogue and diversity through art practices including

community art and education. We also support the promotion of inclusion and equality of foreign-born artists in the field of art and culture in Finland.

### Globe Art Point

The core mission of Globe Art Point is advocating cultural equity, diversity and inclusion in the arts and cultural sector in Finland. G.A.P also serves as an information centre and meeting point for artists, cultural workers and arts & cultural institutions in Finland.

### PUBLICS

PUBLICS is a curatorial agency with a dedicated library, event space and reading room in Vallila Helsinki. PUBLICS explores a "work together" institutional model with multiple overlapping objectives, thematic strands and collaborations. PUBLICS is a constellation of practices, projects and productions.

*PUBLICS Parahosting* is a strand of a four-year cultural project (2020-2023) *Open Up*, co-funded by the European Commission. *Open Up* aims to bring to the surface and promote underrepresented artists, designers, craftspeople and performers located in the seven cities of the partner organisations. It furthermore aims to establish sustainable art practises amongst them, by providing the participants with training and knowledge through the project's various actions, which include laboratories, workshops, festivals and exhibitions.