

# CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

September 6<sup>th</sup>–October 7<sup>th</sup> 2023

BOK opens up its artistic process  
to a group of participants  
to create together  
a temporary school,  
BOK Learning Days Ixelles.



Co-learning & co-creation trajectory with BOK

- \* Are you interested in learning from people you don't usually talk with in your everyday life?
- \* Would you like to support people who aren't used to speaking in public?
- \* Do you know people in Ixelles or other parts of Brussels whose knowledge is not considered valuable?
- \* Would you like to contribute to a platform where they can make their voices heard?
- \* Would you like to learn about deep listening?
- \* Are you interested in socially engaged, participatory art processes?

Then this might be for you...

## BOK (bodies of knowledge)

BOK is an **artistic and participatory project on the exchange of invisibilised knowledge**. Its colourful tent is set up for a few weeks on a public square of a neighbourhood and becomes a place where people can learn things that one does not learn at school. This life knowledge is told by voices that are not often heard or valued by institutions or the media, yet they contribute to a more just and humane society. The BOK team meets these «bodies of knowledge» on the street, in squares or in local organisations and communities. Then, they are invited to the tent to take part in a public program. Everyone is welcome to come to listen, ask questions, and meet each other. In the past, topics of the learning sessions have been, amongst many others: «How to fight police violence in our neighbourhoods» (Collectif des Madres), «How astrology 'boosted' my life» (Chantal), «How to heal yourself with medicinal plants» (Valerie), «Slamming your young misfit voice 'out of the box'» (Drissia) or «Singing multilingual music as political/cultural activism» (Şeref & Gamze).

## BOK Learning days Ixelles

In September and October 2023, BOK will propose a trajectory of transmission, co-learning and co-creation over 6 weeks to a group of participants. We will look at the city as a site where an infinity of knowledge intertwines, much of which remains underexposed or censored. The objective will be to **encounter and support knowledge present in Ixelles** and to create together a program of **4 public Learning Days** at the tent.

The first part of the trajectory will take the form of a workshop: the BOK team will share their practices and listening tools developed throughout previous editions, in a spirit of mutual support and co-learning. For the second part, the group will turn outwards to experiment in public space. We will meet passers-by, neighbours, in the street or in local organizations, to learn from them. Finally, we will invite the people we've met to come and speak in public during *BOK Learning Days Ixelles*. Together, we will support their words and bring this **temporary, local and free classroom** to life. A radical fiction of what a school could be.

## Is this for you?

**We welcome and actively support applications from all people and bodies.**

Many languages can be spoken, but for fluidity of communication within the group, it is important to be comfortable in at least one of these languages: French, Dutch or English. A daily volunteer fee will be provided for each participant.

## Who are we?

BOK team (Damla Ekin Tokel, Flore Herman, Joana B. Polge and Sarah Vanhee) in collaboration with Théâtre Varia, le Rideau de Bruxelles and GC Elzenhof.

## When will it take place?

*BOK learning days Ixelles* are designed as a **6-week-trajectory**. It is important to be present on most of the dates (and at least 2 of the 4 public days). If you want to participate but parts of the schedule don't fit your life situation or you have specific needs, please contact us. We will try to find a solution together!

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sept 6 <sup>th</sup> 1.30PM-5PM	Sept 7 <sup>th</sup> 1.30PM-5PM		Sept 9 <sup>th</sup> 11AM-5PM
Sept 13 <sup>th</sup> 1.30PM-5PM	Sept 14 <sup>th</sup> 1.30PM-5PM		Sept 16 <sup>th</sup> 11AM-5PM
Sept 20 <sup>th</sup> 1.30PM-5PM		Sept 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1.30PM-7.30PM	
Sept 27 <sup>th</sup> 1.30PM-5PM		Sept 29 <sup>th</sup> hours TBC*	Sept 30 <sup>th</sup> hours TBC*
Oct 4 <sup>th</sup> 1.30PM-5PM		Oct 6 <sup>th</sup> hours TBC*	Oct 7 <sup>th</sup> hours TBC*

+ an evaluation and closing moment in the week of 9/10.

Legend : Co-learning and co-creation work The public learning days

## Where will it take place?

Théâtre Varia and in public space (Ixelles)

## How to apply?

Tell us something about yourself, your life story and why you would like to participate, in the format of your choice (letter, video, sound...). You can send it to [info@bodiesofknowledge.be](mailto:info@bodiesofknowledge.be) until **Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>** and will receive a reply by Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. **If you have any questions**, you can call **Damla 0466 28 43 89** (only via WhatsApp - spoken languages: ENG, FR, TUR) or **Flore: 0466 20 60 09** (ENG, FR, NL).

**We are looking forward to meeting you!**

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