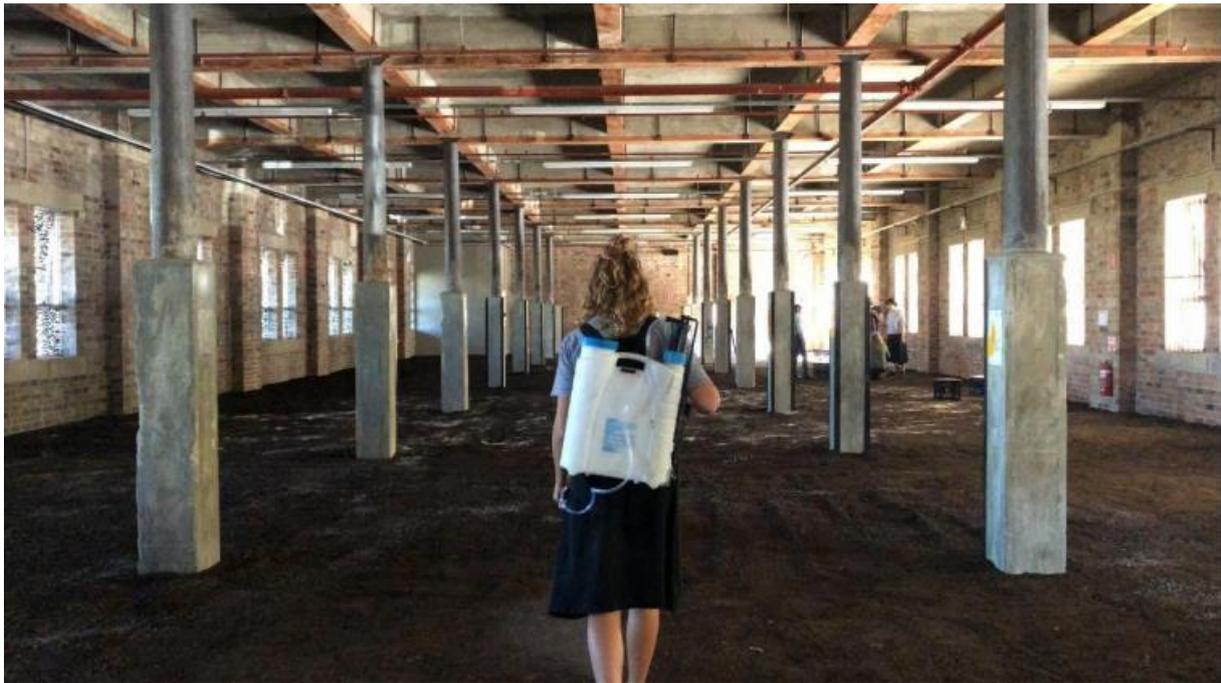


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**CALL-OUT FOR CULTIVATORS
FOR ARTS PROJECT *ABSORPTION* BY ASAD RAZA
AUGUST 14TH – SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2021**



About the project – *Absorption* by Asad Raza

US artist Asad Raza and Urbane Künste Ruhr are developing the installation *Absorption* for the upcoming Ruhrtriennale, which will take place from August 14th – September 25th, 2021. The installation will take place in Essen city centre. For the project we are looking for people to be part of a group of cultivators, a paid position working with the artist.

For *Absorption* Raza will create a new soil, or neosoil, from organic and inorganic matter from the Ruhr area. A team of cultivators will be on site for the duration of the project to mix, analyse and create the neosoil. The cultivators will also interact with the public and provide information about their work. Earlier versions of *Absorption* have been shown at the Kaldor Public Art Project in Sydney and the Gropius Bau in Berlin.

What we are looking for

The cultivators will work in close co-operation with the artist, of course in compliance with all applicable safety regulations including Covid-19-regulations. We are now looking for people living in the Ruhr Area and from all backgrounds who are communicative, attentive and enthusiastic and who would like to be part of the project, which will take place in August and September 2021.

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Whilst producing the neosoil, the cultivators will undertake the following tasks, among others:

- adding and mixing materials to create neosoil
- turning over, raking and watering the soil
- measuring pH, water content and other qualities of the soil
- explaining the process to visitors and offering them soil

If you are interested, please email us with a few sentences sharing your desire to participate and a little about yourself. **Please send your application by May 10 to Anne Mager at with subject line "Asad Raza Cultivator" via email to am@urbanekuensteruhr.de.**

One-hour group interviews are scheduled for the following dates: Friday, May 21st and Saturday, May 22nd.

Participants are not required to have any previous experience in the arts, or as performers. Individuals 18 years or older with a broad range of backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

We are looking forward to hearing from you!

About Urbane Künste Ruhr

Urbane Künste Ruhr is a decentralized institution for contemporary art in the Ruhr Area. We work with local and international partners to initiate projects in public spaces, exhibitions, residency programmes and events.

Along with the Ruhrtriennale, Tanzlandschaft Ruhr and ChorWerk Ruhr, Urbane Künste Ruhr is part of Kultur Ruhr GmbH, whose proprietors are the State of North Rhine-Westphalia and the Regional Association Ruhr and whose headquarters is located in Bochum.

In addition to its own program, under the artistic direction of Britta Peters, Urbane Künste Ruhr also contributes a project to Ruhrtriennale each year.