

15. Short Waves Festival
14 – 19.11.2023
RETHINK / REBUILD



We are subconsciously sensing that a breakthrough is imminent. Our gut is telling us - we're at a turning point. This feeling cannot be verbalized - it's still fresh, eluding definitions, and has not been given a specific direction. Change slowly emerges on the horizon and intensifies inconspicuously. It is also fluid - its shape is entirely up to us.

This year's Short Waves Festival program will be led by the motto of "Rethink/Rebuild" and is dedicated to the subject of reconstruction and transformation. We understand it as a process, method and task in the context of being open to change and having the courage to be involved in it.

We're preoccupied with:

*~ reorientation and turning points,
heading towards the power of
common future ~*

*~ rethinking and rebuilding of everything that's been
damaged and disrupted: profound relationships and a*

*sense of community and agency, self-determination,
responsibility and connection. ~*

*~ the answer to the question: how to replace the
exhausted forms of organization - from production and
mass consumption to colonization of intimate
feelings and desires ~*

*~ the way in which a single thought
is transformed into collective action ~*

*~ normalization processes –
when things that have already been
normalized and are common still seem...
exactly, what? Radical? Strange?
Provocative? We're interested in all
perspectives ~*

We intend to explore how film, audiovisual art, and culture may be a medium for change. What is their role and meaning? How do spaces of imagination become platforms for emancipation?

Simultaneously, we are putting the idea of "Rethink/Rebuild" into practice - in addition to this year's event program, the motto also refers to the way we build relationships within Short Waves Festival, to the forms of collaboration and being in touch with everyone without whom the festival wouldn't exist: from volunteers and specialists through curators, programmers, creators, partners, to supporting us institutions. We are examining the potential of work based on making unexpected links, mutually inspiring each other to take action, designing experiences and learning from one another how to build a future together.