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Rupert Centre for Art, Residencies, and Education in Lithuania is calling for applications for the 13th edition of the Alternative Education Programme, which will take place between 16 June and 28 November 2025.

Being an artist today means developing **new sensitivities, systems of care, working conditions, and forms of kinship**. We steer our ship through rough waters—navigating institutional and market pressures, financial uncertainty, and a polarised political landscape. Today's artists are expected to be not just creators, but also administrators, producers, financiers, and strategists of

their practice, constantly shifting between different modes of labour. Yet, do we have the tools to embrace the many roles we must play in order to sustain our work, with confidence?

Rupert's Alternative Education Programme (AEP) is a **transdisciplinary para-academic programme centred around the principles of collectivity, performativity, and criticality, embracing non-linear, decentralised knowledge**. Each year, Rupert's team selects a **diverse, international group of artists and other cultural practitioners** from an open call to join the six-month programme. The curriculum is **part-time and compatible with other commitments**.

The participants are expected to be present on site at the **collective gatherings, workshops, excursions, public events and presentations** that are part of the programme in Vilnius:

- 2 weeks in June
- 3 weeks in July-August
- 1 week in October
- 3 weeks in November

2 weeks in September-October will be dedicated to the **research trip and public presentation in Brussels**.

In between, the participants are expected to do **individual research and develop their projects** for the final AEP event (November) and for the publication in the AEP Journal. Throughout the whole programme they will be guided and supervised by the tutors, the curator and the Rupert staff.

The language of the programme is English. The educational programme is free of charge, however, participants are responsible for their subsistence and other individual costs.

13th Alternative Education Programme application guidelines

Deadline: 31 March 2025

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