



श्री L'OS labs
arts of ecology platform

ARTS OF ECOLOGY PLATFORM

AN EXPERIMENTAL COMMUNITY-LED PROJECT THAT
PROTOTYPES REGENERATIVE PRACTICES FOR
SUSTAINABLE LIVING BY INTEGRATING ANCESTRAL
KNOWLEDGE, ART, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

Pustynia Błędowska is the largest
anthropogenic desert in Central
Europe. The unique sandy ecosystem in
southern Poland, surrounded by a
forest, river and lake, is home to
LIOS Labs.



WHAT DO WE MEAN BY ARTS OF ECOLOGY?

ARTS OF ECOLOGY practice art as an act of co-creation, art of perception, art of living in community.

It is an open ended framework and a lens through which we explore cultural transformation.

It is a mode of imagination and experimentation, as well as a deep listening process of becoming more aware that we are nature and that we are the guardians and caretakers of our planetary garden.

2020 - 2024 BŁĘDOWSKA DESERT, PL

WE COME TO THE DESERT TO
RADICALLY REIMAGINE:
COHABITING WITH THE LOCAL
ECOSYSTEM—BUILDING
COMMUNITY, ORGANISING,
NURTURING, LEARNING,
RESTING, APOLOGISING,
OBSERVING...



Still from "Crawlers" by Lea D'Albronn Allexandre

DESERT TRANSFORMATION LAB

ARTS OF ECOLOGY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM



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2024

LIOS Labs 4th edition of the living experiment in the Desert. This year, the **arts of ecology residency program** transformed into **a school of ecological imagination**. During the two-month of cohabitation in the Błędowska Desert, 120 participants run experiments in five thematic laboratories: **Future Food Lab, Coexistence Lab, resonance Lab, Planetary Movements Lab and Sand-craft Lab**. The workshops and activations were held publicly and free of charge for the local community and travelers.

ARTISTIC VISION:

The community is the artwork itself.

IN THE HEAT OF THE SUMMER, IN THE
MIDST OF AN ANTHROPOGENIC DESERT,
LIOS LABS BUILDS A PARALLEL POLIS—
A SPACE ORGANISED BY THE SOFT POWER
OF IMAGINATION AND COLLABORATION
A QUEER SPACE THAT INCUBATES
MULTISPECIES FLOURISHING





2023 TORHAUS BERLIN

"From Gate-Keeping to Gate-Opening: Fostering Agency in Troubled Times"

A two-week residency and a following group exhibition at Torhaus, Berlin.

We curated a public programme to nurture ecological imagination including *Queering Nature*, Cosmic Cosmology, SPELLBOUND Embodied poetry workshops, singing circles, and a psychomagic ritual: (un)braiding colonial dissonance. The closing event was a deep listening session in collaboration with Ground Tactics.

SHARING OF THE FRUITS 2023

Dates: 1 - 21 July 2023 Agency: 150 participants; Błędowska Desert, PL

LIOS Labs's 2023 outdoor **immersive exhibition & festival "Sharing of the Fruits"** (SotF), evolved from three rounds of artistic residencies. SotF defied traditional festival norms, blending elements of experimental music, arts residency and community building, all with a strong emphasis on a participatory ethos, zero-waste practices, and a holacratic organisational structure.

FESTIVAL OF FUTURE DESERTS 2024

MAGDEBURG, DE

Showcasing findings from an **eight-month research residency OASIS 2027** we organised a month-long Festival of Future Deserts,, set in a XIX Century water tower and sand filter basement, featured 33 artists exploring interconnected themes of cultural, urban and biological desertification.

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lios

(/li:os/ from Li "dynamic form of nature"; OS "operating/organic system") soil-rejuvenating [spatial and temporal] pattern characterised by an evolving, organic form.

labs

(informal from laboratories) an experimental dimension for research, design & creation of tools, games, strategies and systems.

*LIOS labs emerges from in between the cracks of the post-capitalist ruins. Coming into the world filled with notions of division, it catalyzes experiences and radical expressions of **unity**. Rooted in nature and the soil of society that needs regeneration, LIOS labs builds a parallel polis¹ - a space organized by the soft power of imagination and collaboration. It is most of all, a queer space that incubates multi-species flourishing.*

LIOS labs parallel polis is a school of life, in which the main subjects, taught peer-to-peer, are inner exploration, cohabitation and sustainable dynamics. The structure fosters a rhizomatic network of agents co-creating and supporting ecological, developmental, and cross-disciplinary projects.

LIOS labs mission is to bring forth **life equity of all beings**, gender and racial equality, ecology, querness, **wholeness**, community, and sustainability. It is to offer spaces for critical exchange, **abundant care**, and dialogue about systemic questions, cultures, ecologies, and spirituality. It is to create boundless containers for deep adaptation and listening to each other, **clubs for dancing with the spirits of the living world**.

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why?

Because we need to act, we need to realise the power of our action. Sharing experiences enables us to understand this potential, it is called: intra-action, a powerful phenomenon in which the act emerges from within the relationship, not outside of it.

Developing agency: an individual and collective capacity for intentional action, is one of the key components of conscious transformation urgently needed in our times.

What kind of world do we want to be living in?
How can we build deeper experiences of life?

We embrace community building as a way of fostering ecological living. Acknowledging that the wisdom needed for transformation is already available. Next step is to download the update and apply!

how?

There are a multitude of happy endings, and the same number of ways that are the destinations. One way is to create spaces for togetherness, where we become connected with solutions and are able to experiment with new possibilities. Spaces - playgrounds, laboratories, temples - rich in entanglement and compost, places where we can laugh, transform, experience joy as well as grief.

what?

A planetary, mycelial-made spaceship moving towards the unknown.