



BRIDGING ZIP-CODE 65

ARTISTS: MARIA NORDBÄCK (FI) & BRYNHILD BYE-TILLER (NO)

"We both involve other people in our art practices, with photography and conversations. It is a way to relate to - and a way to exist in the world. We focus on various challenges that exist in today's society and attempt to facilitate an empathetic and user friendly involvement. At the same time we try to produce site specific and formally innovative art productions."

Maria Nordbäck (born 1957 in Vaasa, Finland) studied at Novia University of Applied Sciences in Nykarleby (1996-2000) and at Turku University of Applied Sciences (2006-2007) on the subject of community art. Her work is often site-specific and interactive with the community, to highlight art as a meaningful part of people's lives. Brynhild Bye-Tiller (born 1968 Levanger, Norway) studied at the Art Academy in Trondheim, Norway (1994) and Academy of the Arts, Reykjavik, Iceland (1992). Her artistic practice explores the borders between camera-based art, documentary photography in particular and socially engaged art. Nordbäck and Bye-Tiller has previously participated in a Mid-Nordic workshop ÆØÅ (2010) and together they completed the project Forgo (2011).

Bye-Tiller will be working at Platforms residence in Vasa one month from April 2016. Nordbäck is a resident in Vasa.

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THE ART WORK: BRIDGING ZIP-CODE 65

"In cooperation with the Red Cross and the city of Vasa, asylum seekers and refugees are invited to participate in the project Bridging Zip-Code 65. The participants will have the opportunity to learn about photography and art through workshops and home visits. This time the asylum seekers and refugees will take photography of Finnish people – in their homes and not the opposite."

SOCIETY:

"We want to connect people through photography (and text). We both want to help in the fight against an increased European nationalism and to counteract xenophobia in a local scale. We want to give new voices a chance to appear in the public space together with us."

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