

First Network-Meetup for International Youth-Exchange with Games at PLAY – Creative Gaming Festival 2024

GET-TOGETHER

Tuesday, Nov 12th, 5pm

Before the official start of the Network-Meetup, we invite everyone to join a relaxed get together in the exhibition of the PLAY festival as well as the “Good Night Stage”, where exhibited works about games and politics are discussed.

Wednesday, Nov 13th, 10 am

Time	Program
10:00	Kick-Off and Welcome We start the day with a playful performance, provide an overview and get to know each other.
10:30	Keynote Manouchehr Shamsrizi: “Gaming is future research in action.” Inspirations and talk about concepts and projects using games in youth-exchange.
11:15	Hands-on Experiences Choose one of three short 45min Workshops, tinkering with tools for single persons (Twine, Flickgame, Bitsy3D, PocketPlatformer), environments for groups (Topia, RecRoom, Minetest) and tools beyond the screen (VR, Escape Rooms, Performances). All of them are easy and cheap (or even free) to use and we aim to explore their capabilities for different topics through e.g. narration, character design or game design. We will also talk about the social and technical needs necessary to run such workshops.
12:00	Lunch
13:15	PLAY Guided Tour Besides using games as tools for youth exchange, they can also be used to start discussions about different topics. With our host, the PLAY – Creative Gaming Festival, we are perfectly situated in the middle of their exhibition “You Got the Power! – Games & Politics”, where the curators will guide us through their process and ideas behind it.
13:45	Barcamp To get the most out of our collective knowledge, we will utilize the power of barcamps: We gather suggestions for topics by everyone and meet in smaller groups in different areas to discuss them. During two time slots with about 3 groups, we want to focus on ideas, experiences, needs and of course networking for youth-exchange projects.
16:15	Looking forward Take aways and next steps – The conclusion of the day.
17:00	Networking Time for a break from the day and join the last program point of the PLAY festival's day – The “Good Night Stage” where exhibited works about games and politics are discussed.
18:00	Dinner & Get together in the exhibition
20:00	VR Tour A look into the future, which is already here: As a group, we take a 45min tour through different worlds in VR, visiting worlds to play, but also draw, build and create together.

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