

## OPEN STUDIOS DAYS

Every year the Kulturvernetzung Lower Austria organizes the Open studios days. On a weekend in the fall open about 1000 artists their studios to the general public. Not only for the people in their immediate environment but also for a very wide audience of art. The aim is a low-threshold promotion of art and artists living in Lower Austria. It is a very good opportunity to get better to know about the lives of the artists and to talk to them about their work. Open studios days are actually a European and worldwide proven and popular concept.

Kulturvernetzung Lower Austria produces an Open studios booklet with all participating artists and their opening times with maps and contact details, farther also invitation cards for artists, which they distribute directly to their friends, then also posters, banners, which should make their open studios clearly visible and searchable.

Each year Kulturvernetzung organizes also a big opening ceremony with about 300 artists. In Lower Austria, this event has already a tradition of 14 years. Each year the Open studios are visited by about 30 000 art lovers.

In the context of cross-border projects “Kulturni most” and “Porta culturae”, which were both financed from the EFRE, the Open studios days have been extended across borders, so that they take place also in the neighboring Czech regions of South Bohemia, Vysocina and South Moravia, where about 400 artists take part on the Open studios days. To make possible, that every Open studios days can be visited, they always take place on following weekends from the End of September until the End of October. The region of South Moravia starts at the End of September and Lower Austria completes the series of the Open studios days at the End of October. The Kulturvernetzung Lower Austria and the Czech partners organize guided mutual excursions to the respective neighbors. These excursions are very popular.

We would appreciate to network and exchange with other partners considering Open studios days.

More informations, pictures, videos:

Lower Austria: [http://service.kulturvernetzung.at/modules.php?name=tdoa\\_neu&jahr=2014](http://service.kulturvernetzung.at/modules.php?name=tdoa_neu&jahr=2014)

Vysocina: [http://www.vysocina-kultura.cz/?page\\_id=1165](http://www.vysocina-kultura.cz/?page_id=1165)

South Bohemia: <http://www.kulturni-most.cz/doa/o-dnech-otevrenych-atelieru/>

South Moravia: <http://www.gvuhodonin.cz/Porta-Culturae/Dny-otevrenych-atelieru/clanek/Dny-otevrenych-atelieru-2015>

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