

Tuesday, 8 September 2026

Subject to change

9:00–9:45	Registration, coffee
9:45–10:25	Welcome Addresses & Introducing the CultureAndHealth Platform
10:25–10:40	Opening Note: Culture and Health in Vienna – where are we coming from? Richard Cockett
10:40–11:00	Keynote: Do the arts improve our health? Myths, truths and everything in between based on the latest research evidence in the field. Professor Vicky Karkou, Edge Hill University <i>Activation</i>
11:00–12:00	Panel discussion: From evidence to policy in culture and health with Monica Urian, DG Education and Culture, European Commission / Nils Fietje, WHO Europe / Oriol Freixa Matalonga, UNESCO / Aleksandra Widhofner, BMWKMS / Herwig Ostermann, GÖG Moderation: Edith Wolf Perez, ARTS for HEALTH AUSTRIA
12:00–12:10	<i>Activation</i>
12:10–13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:30–14:30	Parallel sessions 1 - Artists' showcasing and workshop teasers <i>Choose only one to attend (1A, 1B, 1C or 1D)</i> Artists' Showcasing – 1A: • Andrew Greenwood (NL) <i>Moving Concerts – from just listening to an active music experience.</i> • Susana Quaresma Vicente (PT) <i>From Isolation to Connection: A Practical Toolkit for Artistic Mediation in Care Homes.</i> • Azahara González de Domingo (BE) <i>Art Palliatif: Creating meaning, connection and dignity through art at the end of life.</i> Artists' Showcasing – 1B: • Ana Atalaia (AT) <i>PAUSE – Artistic Pause format in Healthcare.</i> • Olga Anacka (IE) <i>Sensing, Making, Becoming.</i> • Siiri Ervasti (FI) and Paula Kovanen (FI) <i>Supporting attachment and early interaction between parent and baby through artistic intervention.</i> Workshop – 1C: • Katja Grässli (NL) <i>Metamorphosis -Dance as a Bridge for communication beyond words.</i> Workshop – 1D: • Evelyn Pelayo (ES) <i>Stitch by Stitch – Community & Connection.</i>
14:45–15:45	Parallel sessions 2 - Artists' showcasing and workshop teasers <i>Choose only one to attend (2A, 2B, 2C or 2D)</i> Session – 2A: • Kornelia Kiss (BE) & Edith Wolf Perez (AT) <i>Advocating for Culture and Health.</i> Artists' Showcasing – 2B: • Catherine Ebser (AT) <i>Ahnroas – The Colours of Life: Visibility, Creativity and Connection Between Generations.</i> • YOUareART (AT) <i>Connecting classical portraiture with modern selfie culture to promote youth mental health.</i> • Petra Carina Stadoleanu (RO) <i>Visual archives of collective healing.</i> Workshop – 2C: • Jurij Konjar (SI) <i>Dance against Falls - physical socialisation.</i> Workshop – 2D: • Andrea Geipel (DE) <i>Art, Migraine & Invisible Illness.</i>
15:45–16:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:15–16:20	<i>Activation</i>
16:20–17:20	Panel discussion: Imagining the future of Culture and Health with Carmen Valero, RED NOSES International / Clara Bourgeois, Pôle Culture & Santé en Nouvelle Aquitaine / Ivana Slipakoff, Cultura en Vena / Andrew Greenwood, Grijs Gedraaid, Switch2Move / Nicholas Yatromanolakis, Policy Lab. Moderation: Kornelia Kiss, Culture Action Europe Reflection: Herwig Ostermann, GÖG. Kathrin Kneissel, BMWKMS
17:20–17:30	Closing Day 1

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9:00-9:30	Registration, coffee
9:30-10:00	Opening Day 2 & Activation
10:00-11:00	Parallel sessions 3 - Artists' showcasing and workshop teasers <i>Choose only one to attend (3A, 3B, 3C or 3D)</i> Session – 3A: • Kornelia Kiss (BE) & Edith Wolf Perez (AT) <i>Advocating for Culture and Health.</i> Artists' Showcasing – 3B: • Alec Dominique Fungi Schwenner (DE) <i>Bulaban Circus Lebanon and Berlin: Tools to create a safer space for a young audience to approach very real, very tough topics.</i> • Maja Kalafatić (SI) & Nina Pertot Weis (SI) <i>What We Feel Can Move.</i> • Jennifer Davison (AT) & Bea Robein (AT) <i>Serenade for the Soul: A workshop series for emotional well-being via music.</i> Workshop – 3C: • Alice Presencer (DK) <i>Empowering Collective Performing Arts: A Collection of Voice and Dance Scores to Overcome Social Barriers.</i> Workshop – 3D: • Veronika Yadukha (UA) & Olha Stavnykovych (UA) <i>Creating Collage Self-Portraits</i>
11:15-12:15	Parallel sessions 4 - Artists' showcasing and workshop teasers <i>Choose only one to attend (4A, 4B, 4C or 4D)</i> Artists' Showcasing – 4A: • Yulia Tikhomirova (IT) <i>Cùratela. A Mobile Museum as a Tool for Autonomous Self-Representation.</i> • Anja Papuga (SI) <i>Aging: nature in transition.</i> • Kirin Alejandro España (AT), Daniel Eberhöfer (AT), Jerca Rožnik Novak (AT) <i>Move It! Creative empowerment for young people with refugee and migration experiences.</i> Artists' Showcasing – 4B: • Emelia Koberg (SE) <i>Embodied Care: Dance and Somatic Practices.</i> • Mirela Ivanciu (RO) <i>Memories, Place and Moments of Presence.</i> • Ania Prokopczuk-Kwapniewska (PL) <i>Songwriting – Hear Yourself.</i> Workshop – 4C: • Ezequiel Guiragossian (AM) <i>Functional Juggling: Making Juggling More Accessible.</i> Workshop – 4D: • Daragh Slacke (IE) <i>Befriending The Genius Within: Collaborative Songwriting for Wellbeing and Connection.</i>
12:15-13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:30-14:00	Klub der Wiener Pensionist:innen (Viennese Retirees' Club): Presentation, showing and activation with Yuriel Columbie Banega and the kwp Latin Dancers
14:00-14:20	Keynote: Loneliness and social connection. Insights into the FORESIGHT report on “Einsamkeit in Österreich” (Loneliness in Austria). Flora Gall, Caritas der Erzdiözese Wien
14:20-15:20	Panel discussion: Loneliness and social connection with Dr. Paulina Guachamin, FamiliaMed / Catherine Ebser, artist / Gerlinde Rohrauer-Nef, FGÖ / Andrea Schmidt, LBG OIS / Flora Gall, Caritas der Erzdiözese Wien Moderation: Lars Ebert, Culture Action Europe
15:20-16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:00-17:00	Creative finale with artistic connections Facilitation: Magdalena Klamminger, RED NOSES International Activation: ARTS for HEALTH AUSTRIA team
17:00-17:15	Call to Action! Kornelia Kiss, Culture Action Europe, CultureAndHealth Platform Lars Ebert, Culture Action Europe
17:15-17:30	Closing Artistic performance by Carole Alston

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ARTISTS' SHOWCASING 1A	ARTISTS' SHOWCASING 1B	WORKSHOP 1C	WORKSHOP 1D
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Kornelia Kiss (BE) & Edith Wolf Perez (AT) Advocating for Culture and Health	Alec Dominique Fungi Schwenner (DE) Bulaban Circus Lebanon and Berlin: Tools to create a safer space for a young audience to approach very real, very tough topics.	Alice Presencer (DK) Empowering Collective Performing Arts: A Collection of Voice and Dance Scores to Overcome Social Barriers.	Veronika Yadukha (UA) & Olha Stavnykovych (UA) Creating Collage Self-Portraits
	Maja Kalafatić (SI) & Nina Pertot Weis (SI) What We Feel Can Move.		
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