

# 6th International Degrowth Conference for ecological sustainability and social equity

## Call for artistic sessions and events

The 6th International Degrowth Conference will take place in **Malmö 21-25 August 2018**. *Dialogues in turbulent times* is its overarching theme. Our ambition is that the inclusion of a range of social, cultural and activist events draws in members of the community and stimulates a fruitful public debate.

Degrowth is an umbrella term that critiques the centrality of economic growth in contemporary societies and embraces alternatives that are ecologically sustainable, socially just and stimulate human flourishing. We see the conference as a space to advance debates on degrowth, a meeting place for grassroots groups and also involving broader public. This will be done via interconnected and mutually enriching academic, artistic and activist programmes. In this call for artistic sessions and events, we therefore invite proposals that include but are not limited to the following activities. The ideas not mentioned in the list are more than welcome too!

1. We invite **artists to propose artistic sessions** within 6th International Degrowth Conference.

**All forms of artistic expression** are welcome (e.g. visual art, theatre, dance, music, poetry, performance art, etc etc etc etc etc). A connection to degrowth is not a requirement, but we would like some of these sessions to engage with it or have a political aspect more broadly. Participatory formats are most welcome.

2. We invite **local groups to get involved as partners** in organising artistic events such as:

- **exhibitions** on degrowth or related themes in Malmö parallel (& prior) to the conference
- **film festival** on degrowth or related themes in Malmö parallel to the conference
- **theatre events** on degrowth or related themes in Malmö before or parallel to the conference
- **artistic programme for kids** during the conference

### **Submissions period: 1 October - 31 December 2017**

Please submit your proposal (max 1-2 pages long), articulating what activity you propose to hold, how it speaks to the conference and how it will be organised. For local groups: please also write what you expect from the partnership with the conference. All submissions should be sent to [artists@malmo.degrowth.org](mailto:artists@malmo.degrowth.org). Please note that we unfortunately do not have funding for artistic contributions.

All the proposals will be reviewed by our team and discussed with people and groups submitting them as they arrive, so **please submit as early as you can**. The main language of the conference is English, but we will review submissions in other languages also.