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Creative Climate Leadership Switzerland Participants Announced



24 artists and cultural change-makers will join the first Swiss edition of the international Creative Climate Leadership programme this March

Creative changemakers, artists, and cultural professionals with practices ranging from writing to working in architecture, theatre, music and dance, will join the first ever Swiss Creative Climate Leadership transformation programme at Mattli Antoniushaus in Morschach, Switzerland, between 3 - 8 March 2024. They join a global collective of over 250 creative changemakers working in 30 countries, who are committed to taking action on the climate crisis through the arts and culture.

The programme is delivered by [Julie's Bicycle](#) in partnership with [Vert le Futur](#), initiated and funded by [Pro Helvetia](#) and [Stiftung Mercator Schweiz](#).

Culture - the arts, heritage and creative industries - is a powerful force that shapes all of our lives, wherever we are in the world. The CCL programme recognises the extraordinary potential of these communities to help people imagine and realise low-carbon, just, climate resilient futures, and supports the dedicated people exploring transformation through creativity in a rapidly changing world. It builds on a growing movement of artists and cultural professionals and organisations in Switzerland orienting their work towards climate and environmental action.

The participants are:

Anna Grichting Solder (performer, architect, urbanist)
Barbara Ellenberger (KlimaKontor)
Bernard Vienat (art-werk)
Byungseo Yoo (artist)
Carole Haensler (Bellinzona Musei / Museo Villa dei Cedri)
Caroline Edwards (TOURBOMusic)
Cassiane Pfund (writer)
Catja Loepfe (Tanzhaus Zürich)
Daniel Hellmann (artist, Tasty Future)
Dawit Seto (artist)
Donat Kaufmann (Music Declarers Emergency)
Dorian Sari (artist)
Joëlle Simmen (Migros Culture Percentage Sparx)
Léo Rebetez (designer, musician)
Lisa Collomb (scan-arc)
Mateo Chacón Pino (documenta Institut, curator)
Matthias von Hartz (Zürcher Theater Spektakel)
Monica Cantieni (writer)
Nicola Castelletti (architect)
Ntando Cele (Manaka Empowerment Prod.)
Payal Parekh (climate campaign strategist)
Sandra Feller (Salzhaus Winterthur)
Tom Greder (Panorama Kino Theatre)
Yves Regenass (game theatre maker, director, curator)

“We look forward to connecting with this extraordinary group of change-makers who between them show the breadth and depth of the creative climate movement, learning with each other and exploring what impactful, culture-led transformations in response to the climate, nature, justice crisis can look like.” Chiara Badiali, Julie’s Bicycle.

“We were positively surprised by the quantity, but above all by the quality of the applications we received from all over Switzerland and from people working in all cultural sectors and art forms. This shows the motivation of Swiss artists and cultural professionals in taking action to make arts and culture more sustainable, and the importance of organising the Creative Climate Leadership programme right now. We look forward to embarking on this adventure, which offers the opportunity to create a unique space for collective reflection and to lay solid foundations for united and effective action by the arts and culture sector in response to the climate and ecological crisis we are globally facing.” Laura Giudici & Stefanie Günther Pizarro, Vert le Futur

Participants will also have an opportunity to apply for one of five CHF5,000 ‘Creative Climate Leadership Action’ seed grants to support emerging projects and ideas.

Find out more about the participants, visit:

<https://www.creativeclimateleadership.com/latest/creative-climate-leadership-switzerland-2024-participants-announced>

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Full Biographies of Participants can be found at

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For press and media requests regarding individual participants, please contact cclswitzerland@juliesbicycle.com. Some are available for individual interviews.

About Creative Climate Leadership (CCL)

Creative Climate Leadership is a transformation programme and a global collective of creative changemakers committed to taking action on the climate crisis through the arts and culture. The CCL programme brings together groups of changemakers to learn and unlearn together, nurture creative possibilities, strengthen communities of practice, and refocus on what they can each bring to the climate movement. Acknowledging the urgent need for renewal, our approach is rooted in reciprocity and care for an immersive experience to explore what kind of leadership is needed now, together.

The CCL programme has, to date, included over 250 participants from across the creative industries, working in 30 countries. Alumni join an evolving international network of creatives taking action and mobilising others in their field through events, workshops, artistic works, and projects. [Creativeclimateleadership.com](https://www.creativeclimateleadership.com).

About Julie's Bicycle

Julie's Bicycle is a pioneering not-for-profit organisation mobilising the arts and culture to take action on the climate, nature and justice crisis. Founded in 2007, JB's origins were in the music industry. Now working right across the cultural sector, JB has partnered with over 2000 organisations in the UK and internationally. Combining cultural and environmental expertise, Julie's Bicycle focuses on high-impact programmes and policy change to meet the climate crisis head-on. We exist at the heart of a thriving informal network of people who share our vision, supporting others on their journey, and helping to catalyse new projects at the intersection of culture and climate. juliesbicycle.com

About Stiftung Mercator Schweiz

Stiftung Mercator Schweiz tests and disseminates ideas with its network of partners to address the most urgent social and ecological challenges. The foundation strengthens civil society organisations, forges and supports broad alliances to initiate change and help shape the future. Stiftung Mercator Schweiz aims to initiate developments towards an open, equitable and ecologically sustainable society. Through cultural and creative approaches, the foundation wants to promote an engagement with and further development of social issues. stiftung-mercator.ch/

About Pro Helvetia

Pro Helvetia, the Swiss Arts Council, supports Swiss artists and cultural organisations. Pro Helvetia within the sector Innovation & Society supports activities and projects which promote the knowledge transfer concerning ecological topics in the arts. prohelvetia.ch/en/

About VLF

Vert le Futur is an association committed to making the Swiss cultural sector and events industry more climate-friendly and inclusive – and thus more sustainable. How? By combining environmental and cultural expertise and bringing together a wide variety of

actors with equally diverse backgrounds and cultural practices across Switzerland and its different language regions. We exchange knowledge, make best practice approaches visible and develop new initiatives in collaboration with artists, cultural actors, institutions, and policymakers. vertlefutur.ch / ccl.vertlefutur.ch

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