



Vacancy Internship *Manifesta 16 Youth Shift* (m/f/d)

What is Manifesta?

Manifesta rethinks the relations between culture and society by investigating and catalysing positive social change in Europe through contemporary culture in dialogue with the social sphere of a specific place. Since 1996, the Manifesta biennial takes place in a different European city every two years. Manifesta 16 will take place in the Ruhr Area in 2026. The non-profit Manifesta 16 Ruhr gGmbH, whose shareholders are the Regional Association Ruhr/Regionalverband Ruhr (RVR) and the International Foundation Manifesta, is the organisation that was founded to implement Manifesta 16 Ruhr. The Education and Mediation team is looking for an Intern to join the department and to help develop Manifesta 16's Education and Mediation programme, assisting in the implementation of the project Youth Shift to support the participation of young people in Manifesta 16 processes.

Education and Mediation programme

The Education and Mediation department is an important creative force of the biennial that develops and takes care of the relationships with the host region, alongside the team of Creative Mediators. The programme is a set of interrelated research-based projects that have been born out of encounters with a variety of local actors, ranging from inhabitants and educators to artists and that will delve into histories and present realities of the Ruhr region. Having the principle of mediation at the core, it aims at making the biennial programme respond to the interests and needs of non-professional audiences, creating spaces in contemporary culture(s) where more people recognise themselves. The programme goes beyond conventional institutional categories and proposes programmes with a foreseen legacy, that combine research, artistic practice, pedagogy, mediation and community work.

Role description

As part of Manifesta 16 Ruhr the Education and Mediation department aims to implement the project Youth Shift. This Manifesta 16 Youth Shift can be understood as participating project that is focusing on the specific questions of participation of young people in reviewing cultural policies and setting up art and cultural programmes. The intern works in close collaboration with the Department of Education and Mediation on the development and implementation of working strategies to include the perspective of young people in the processes of setting up the biennale. They are expected to contribute to the development of the concrete project and support the Mediation and Education Coordinator in their implementation.



Core tasks and responsibilities

- Assist in the research on participating projects for young people in the Ruhr Area
- Organisation and implementation of the outreach to young audiences
- Support and organise the logistics related to the Manifesta 16 Youth Shift and possible further projects within the Education and Mediation Department
- Supporting the selection process for participants
- Supporting in setting up a working structure for the Manifesta 16 Youth Shift within the Manifesta 16 Ruhr structure

Candidate's profile

- Interest in organising education, mediation and/or socio-cultural projects (Bachelor's, Master's students, or trainees in the fields of art, mediation, education, political and social sciences or related fields)
- Interest in possible participation tools for young audiences within a cultural organization
- Interest and first experiences in engaging young audiences
- Sensitive to cultural and social differences
- Fluent in English and German both oral and written
- Drivers Licence is a plus

Conditions

Max. 3 months within the period of August 2025 to June 2026

Possible time periods: Aug – Oct 2025, Oct – Dec 2025, Jan – Mar 2026, Apr – Jun 2026

- As a compulsory internship as part of a degree programme or training (total number of hours as specified in the study/training plan)
- As a voluntary internship (part-time between min. 20 - max. 30 hours per week)

Application

Please send your letter of motivation and CV in English to kimlempelius@manifesta.org with the *Internship Manifesta 16 Youth Shift* in the subject line of the email and the preferred time period.