

WELCOME TO OPENLOT (A POLYSET)

A shared practice-space for artistic research, collective play, and self-organised time.

WHAT IS OPENLOT?

OPENLOT starts as an **empty space and empty timetable** — both are shaped by you and others over time. It's a yearly format based on a method (developed by artist Vladimir Miller).

You'll find:

- A free, open accessible and shared studio environment
- Materials, tools, tech, support and even a small budget
- Fellow artists, researchers, thinkers, doers and possible co-workers

Move in with your practice. Work alone or together. Build your working space. Set your own rhythm and process and communicate it on the schedule for others

 There is no pressure to produce anything. OPENLOT is a space - enabling **process**.

WHAT IS A POLYSET?

 The Polyset is yearly recurring, collective practice space. It's like a **collective studio hangout, transdisciplinary atelier or turbo residency** — with a few radical twists:

- No fixed structure, plan, or hierarchy
- No chairs and tables but material to build them
- No roles like “audience” or “visitor”
- Every practice negotiates space and time with others
- Make space for others (not just yourself)
- Your presence shapes the space and what happens inside

 Polyset = **shared time + shared space + mutual care + creative autonomy**

HOW TO JOIN & PARTICIPATE

- ☐ Ideally, spend at least **a few days** in the space
- ☐ Drop in, start small, grow your presence
- ☐ Respect the evolving nature of the group

 We have a **daily check-in at 13:00** (optional but helpful)

 Anyone can **invite others** – guests become hosts

“A space is only truly available if it's changeable.”
- Vladimir Miller



WORKING TOGETHER

- Use what's in the space (tools, materials) — but ask before moving or repurposing shared things. There is also a storage nearby with a lot of constructing material.
 - Store bags, coats and private stuff in the wardrobe
 - Build light: any structure should be safe even if it falls and no heavy things hanging
 - Think **co-habitation** – not domination
 - Take inspiration of these following PAF principles (you can read the full version)
 - “Don't leave traces”*
 - “Make it possible for others”*
 - “The do-er decides”*
 - “Mind asymmetries”*
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ACCESS & KEY

- It's open every day – from the **first person who arrives** to the **last one who leaves**.
 - Key is in a **coded box outside** and **always** needs to be there!
 - Code is shared verbally with anyone who's been in the space **at least half a day** (do not send it in a chat)
 - Last person **locks both doors** and **returns the key** (don't forget to twist the numbers)
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MATERIALS & BUDGET

- Check the space & storage first
- Ask others or in the chat - maybe sb can bring
- Up to **10€ per person** per need: no questions asked
- Over 10€? Ask one more person to share the benefit
- Bigger shared costs? Decide together at the daily meeting



Always write your name, amount & attach receipt to the spending sheet



INSURANCE & LIABILITY

To join, you must either:

1. ☒ Sign the **self-responsibility form** every day (the moment you drop in)
 2. ☒ Or join our **ECHOLOT Association** once (45€/year, includes insurance and lots of advantages)
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AWARENESS & CONFLICT

OPENLOT follows:

- Das LOT's House Rules
- ECHOLOT's Awareness Concept
- These Playground Rules

Together they form our shared **Code of Conduct**

Conflicts? Try resolving them through space & time first (schedule), if needed in the meeting.

If they cannot be solved - feel free to contact us:

 ahoi@lot.wien or Instagramm [@das.lot](https://www.instagram.com/das.lot)

 Anonymous letterbox inside

THE MINI-MUSEUM

Kick-off ritual:

- share **what you do**, not who you are
- Set up a small **installation** with past works, texts, images, etc.
- Add your current **question, need, or challenge**
- Walk through each other's practices — like a soft-start exhibition

Daily reflection rounds:

- 1 → 1 min per person
- Day 2 → 2 min...and so on

Final day = **Mini-Festival** (invite friends or keep it intimate)
everyone X minutes depending on the amount of days before)

Keep in mind: It's Not a showing, but a **sharing**

We highly recommended it, but it's flexible — make it yours!

GENERAL MINDSET OF OPENLOT

- ✦ Take space – give space
- ✦ Explore without pressure
- ✦ Share materials, time, knowledge
- ✦ Make room for difference
- ✦ It's not a project – it's a process
- ✦ Come as you are & start wherever you are