

Mystery 135 Trust in Play_School of Urban Game Design_the Elefsina Cycles

Open call

Are you passionate about the design of urban games and playful experiences? Do you want to be part of an international community of creators and immerse yourself in the mysteries of Elefsina from July 14th until July 22st? Are you a recent graduate or emerging cultural practitioner in game & interaction design, art, urban planning & architecture, performance, technology, storytelling or a related field?

We are searching for playful creators and practitioners to explore myths and nocturnal landscapes in Elefsina. The town of the old mysteries will offer us its history, its streets and public spaces. We will create playful offerings in the form of urban games, performances, live action role-play, bizarre/unpredictable storytelling and playful experiences and rituals of any kind. Join us in this surprising journey that will merge together, urban game, performance, technology, role-play and transmedia storytelling to transform our surroundings and vision.

Join us in Trust in Play!

- join the International Training Week in Elefsina in July 2023 (limited travel scholarships available)
- receive local and e-training by experts in urban game design, playful interactions, storytelling & cultural organization
- create your own urban game in a small team with, mentorship, production & development support
- present your game in a public event as part of the cultural program of Elefsina Capital of Culture 2023

[Click here](#) to apply before **May 10, 2023 (23:59 CET)**.

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What is the timeline for the open call and the school activities?

Cycle 1 / Researching the Mystery

April 13th	Launch of the Open Call
April 28th	Researching the Mystery Online: Trust in Play & Urban Game Design
May 4th	Researching the Mystery Online: Mysteries, Rituals & Experience Design
May 10	Close of Open Call (Midnight CET)

Cycle 2 / Meeting the Mystery

May 20th	Notification of results
May 27th	Trust in Play Day in Elefsina

Cycle 3 / Playing with the Mystery

July 14 - July 22nd	Trust in Play Summer School in an actual school in Elefsina
July 21st	Open Play Day - Elefisis

Why should you join?

Trust in Play supports emerging practitioners in forming a career out of making urban games and playful urban experiences. Benefits include enhancing your professional capacity (artistic, facilitating and business skills), getting inspired and acquiring the tools necessary to start working sustainably. You will research, design, produce and facilitate your game as part of the 2023 Elefsina European Capital of Culture.

You will be part of an international community of urban game designers, artists, academics and cultural organizations with a basic goal to support your work and creativity. The school organizers actively involve experts with considerable experience in state of the art urban play projects, community-based artistic games and innovative playful experiences. Learn more about Trust in Play [here](#).

You will get to squat an actual school in one of the most sacred cities of the ancient world, dive into myths, share your gifts with other amazing humans and get to design games at night!

Who are we looking for?

We are looking for independent artists or game designers, but also creatives from a broader practice like, performers, technologists, storytellers, cultural practitioners, anthropologists, ethnographers, mythologists, architects, facilitators and activists. We are looking for curious, creative individuals who want to work in teams. Are you a recent graduate or emerging professional with experience in one of these fields, and do you want to further develop your skills to work in interdisciplinary (design) teams developing urban game design projects? If yes, then we're looking for you! And yes you can apply again if you were a previous trainee!

What do you get?

As a selected participant you will receive

- room and board for the International Training Week in Elefsina in July in the Trust in Play Summer School
- ongoing training and support from local and international mentors
- the opportunity to be part of an active community of creative practitioners
- production budget for projects realized during the International Training Week in Elefsina (600€ per team)
- Travel Scholarship (if eligible)

What do we expect from you?

We expect that you are committed to follow the program structured around the research, conceptualization, design, testing and documentation of an urban game. This means you will attend the training week, all training sessions, collaborate locally in small teams throughout the production process, document and promote your design.

As a trainee, you commit to

- attend the International Training Week in Elefsina in July 2023
- collaborate in a small team towards the design, production, facilitation and documentation of an urban game, to be premiered locally in Elefsina on July 21st 2023
- Have fun!

What does it cost?

Participating in Trust in Play – European School of Urban Game Design is free of charge.

How do I apply and get selected?

Trainees will be selected by the school organizers after filling out [this online form](#).

More Questions?

Send us a message at trustinplayeu@gmail.com