

CRIPTONITE: ACCESS

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WHO?

The core team is formed by Nina Mühlemann and Edwin Ramirez, two artists with disabilities and real-life experiences, as well as Sarah Schoch and Kathrin Veser, who look at accessibility from a non-disabled perspective. All four are involved in developing, designing and implementing Criptonite:ACCESS.

WHY?

There are no resources in Switzerland explaining how accessibility to arts events can be implemented artistically and aesthetically or showcasing artists with disabilities who are experts in these areas.

To date, knowledge about the use of access equipment in artistic performances has often had to be created by artists themselves, without being paid for it. This additional unpaid work also frequently falls to disabled artists, because they are continuously faced with explaining their own needs, and accessibility in general, to institutions.

HOW?

Criptonite:ACCESS is a digital platform for artists with and without disabilities, as well as for cultural institutions that would like to make their work more accessible. To design the platform and disseminate the content, we work with international artists with and without disabilities, programmers, institutions, funding bodies and initiatives. This content is developed further in digital events.

VISION?

Artists, institutions, funding bodies and initiatives work on accessibility issues with a sense of enthusiasm, respect and humour. Dealing with access to the arts from a wide range of perspectives is easily possible, with knowledge and experience exchanged and developed further. Artists with and without disabilities work together in performing arts teams at the artistic, technical and organisational level. Audiences are more diverse and varied than ever thanks to the wider, more multifaceted and higher-quality range of access possibilities on offer.

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