



Spatial Practices in
Art & Architecture for
Empathetic Exchange

Nicosia Townhall Meeting: Making Space

When?

9:00 - 14:00
1st of November, 2025

Where?

Home for Cooperation
28 Markou Drakou St. 1102
UN Buffer Zone, Nicosia

Organizers:

Home for Cooperation
(H4C) and Laboratory of
Urbanism University of
Cyprus (LUCY)

01

Presentation Session

How can we create spaces of
solidarity and commons in
times of struggle?

02

Discussion Session

How do artistic practices and
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Event Program

Part A: How can we create spaces of solidarity and commons in times of struggle?

09:30-09:45 | Coffee and Registrations

09:45-10:00 | Welcoming and Introductions by Socrates Stratis, *University of Cyprus*, and Andri Christofides, *Home for Cooperation*

10:00-11:00 | Presentation by Ilaria Speri, *Director of Wondercabinet, Bethlehem, Palestine*

11:00-11:30 | Discussion Session, moderated by Socrates Stratis

11:30-12:00 | Coffee Break



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Part B: How do artistic practices and urban encounters in public space challenge issues of justice and transformability?

12:00-14:00 | Interventions by SpaceX Researchers followed by moderated discussion with the participation of Cyprus-based spatial and cultural practitioners

SpaceX Researchers:

- Fiona Whelan, *National College of Art and Design, Dublin, Ireland*
- Sevven Küçük, *Coventry Biennial of Contemporary Art, UK*
- Anne Kelly, *National College of Art and Design, Dublin, Ireland*
- Nihal Soğancı, *Home for Cooperation, Nicosia, Cyprus*

Participating practitioners:

- Iacovos Loizou, *Urban Planner and Co-Founder of OPU Collective*
- Popi Iacovou, *Architect and design researcher, Assistant Professor, University of Cyprus*
- Charis Nika, *PhD Candidate, University of Cyprus*
- Esra Plümer Bardak, *Art historian, writer-researcher*

moderated by Andri Christofides