



## Contemporary Crafts workshop

2nd -5th August 2011, Berlin, Germany

Crafts have always been a reflection of culture. Today, objects around us, are produced by complex process far away from us. Hence we have become alienated from the production process.

“I, CULTURE” is an art project aiming to examine the role of crafts in contemporary culture and to stimulate audience participation. The “I, CULTURE” workshop tries to get participants in the role of creators and at the same time to spark off reflection on how things are made.

The project is open to everybody, all ages and backgrounds are welcome: youth, elders, scientists, artists, housewives and dreamers. And It is created in collaboration with fashion designer and artist Monika Jakubiak and 240 volunteers in 12 capitals from Europe and Asia.

The project is divided in three parts:

- Research: the 20 volunteers will undertake a research on contemporary crafts. Participants themselves will decide how. They might investigate: What are traditional crafts? How traditional crafts (and craftsman) can shift their focus to cover today's need ( which might not be what they were first intended for) and What are new crafts?





- Workshop: within 3 days the volunteers and Monika will share their experiences and their findings through the research, learn about sewing and co-prepare the public action.
- Public day: finally the research from the volunteers will be displayed in a public space, where sewing workshops and other craft activities will be happening to invite the public to experience the art of making.

The event will be summarized in a co-created puzzle, each capital making an original piece which will be evolving until its completion in December 2011 in Copenhagen.

**For the Berlin I'Culture workshop we are looking for 20 volunteers. Please get in touch before the 20th of June with:**

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