



The Many Tomorrows Festival

Plurality University Network
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Event Organizer's Guide

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What you'll find in this guide

The Many Tomorrows Festival is an international sequence of events,
Dedicated to alternative futures, and the role of arts & design in figuring
them and making them happen,
Of all kinds: workshops, parties, art shows, conferences, games, carnivals,
Linked together by:
a common, open theme: "TRANS-",
a common platform and social media presence,
as well as the passing of a symbolic "Torch" from one
event to the next.

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What is a Many Tomorrows Festival Event?

△ It can either be...

- 1. An already planned event, that you'd like to connect to the Festival**
Just make sure your event can relate to the Festival's Theme set of principles, add the logo, share your information with the programming team, think of how to integrate the passing of the "Torch", and you're in!
- 2. An event that you'd create specifically for the Festival**
Plan the event around (i) the Theme and the Torch [see page 4], and (ii) your local resources, networks, and centers of interest.

△ What format?

The content and format are free, so long as they relate to the Theme – workshops, conferences, shows, parties, exhibitions, etc. Be as creative as you wish!

△ Core principles

Inclusion: free events, disagreements are welcome.

Passing of the Torch: events will acknowledge receiving the Torch at the beginning, and will send the torch to the next event.

Responsibility: we are all stewards of the current world, and of the future worlds we imagine. Many Tomorrows Events cannot support climate denial, racism, sexism, or hate speech in general. Aside from that, all other weird ideas are welcome.

The Theme: TRANS-

TRANS-

-ition
 -gression
 -formation
 -human
 -mutation
 -cend
 -gender
 -disciplinary
 -mission
 -parenity
 ...

TRANS- is about metamorphoses, about taking no limit for granted; looking beyond borders and polarities; linking and bridging; mixing people, knowledge and knowhows; changing oneself as well as what surrounds us...

Does your event relate to the “TRANS-” Theme?

(one “Yes” below is enough!)

Yes, if it is about changing, exchanging, building bridges and passages, overcoming...

Yes, if it intends to give more voice to new participants, to give more visibility to underexposed futures.

Yes, if it mixes communities, disciplines, cultures, approaches.

Yes, if it sees its participants as capable of change, and of effecting change...



The Links: What Else Connects The Many Tomorrows Festival Events

A Global Program and Web Presence

All events will be featured on a common Program page.

All events will enjoy a shared social media presence. The organizing theme will highlight selected moments, features, speakers, outputs...

A shared streaming platform will allow those who wish to share their event on video, both in real time and after the event.

A Community of Event Organizers

Dedicated slack channels will be put in place in order to allow event organizers working on the same topics to connect and discuss before, during and after the festival.

The Passing of the “Torch”

Each event is connected to the next by the passing of a “Torch”.

The “Torch” is a simple message sent from one event to the next. It includes two items:

1. ONE KEY OUTPUT or insight from your event: What did we learn, produce, invent? It can come as a sentence, a picture, a short video...
2. ONE CHALLENGE to the next event: A difficult question, A problem left unsolved, An idea needing elaboration...

At the end of the Festival, all outputs and challenges will be collected and published together on the website.

If you wish to share more outcomes of your event, you can always use the platform to do it.



Are you Ready?

What You Should Do, What You Can Expect

Getting started...

Write to Chloé Luchs [chloe.luchs@plurality-university.org] with information about your event – Dates, Location, Theme, Format. It's all right if you haven't yet figured everything out, we're here to help!

We will immediately:

Send you all relevant communication material,
Feature your event in the Festival's program,
Connect you to the community of the Plurality University Event organizers on slack to exchange experiences before and after.

If you wish, **we will schedule a short call with you** in order to get organized and provide all the help we can.

What We Provide

A logo and media kit.

A Web presence: the global Program, and if needed, your event's webpage on the Festival's site.

Social media presence and highlights.

A streaming video space during and after the Events.

A community of Event organizers (on Slack)

Access to the U+ Network for expertise, content, methods, possible speakers...

Advice and format suggestions if needed

Financial support if needed (limited to €500)

Preliminary agenda



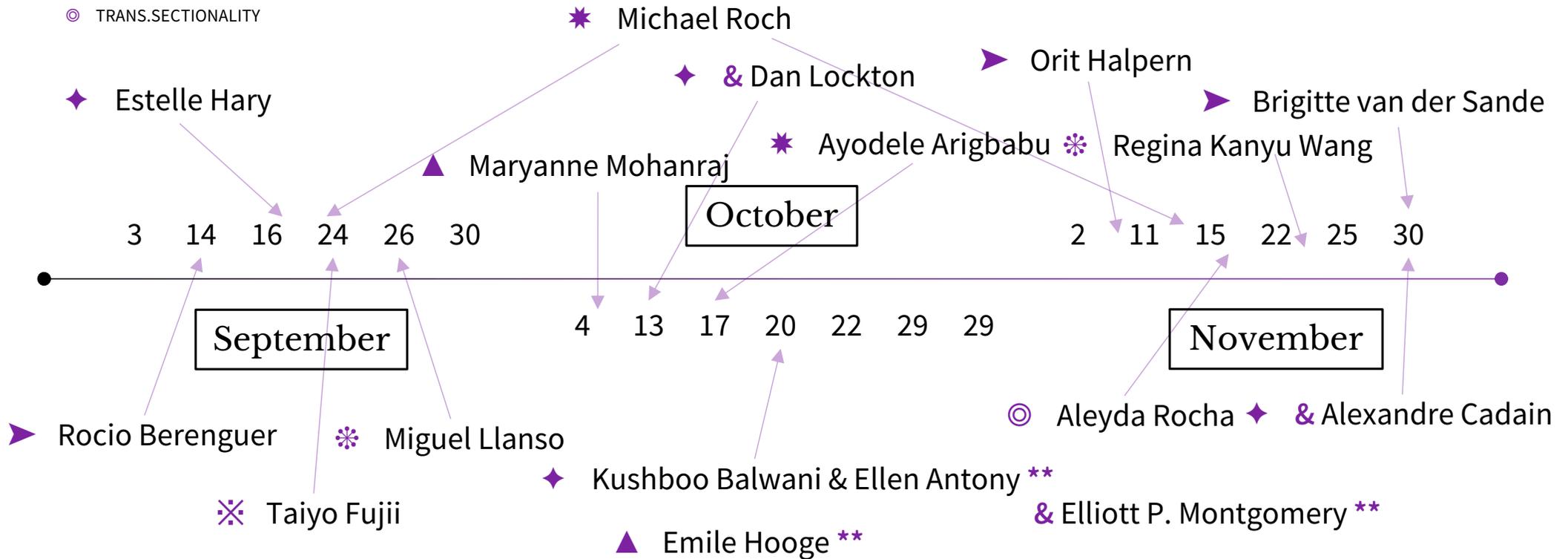
As mentioned, this agenda is preliminary. We are sending it out to give you an idea about the potential themes and the months that would suit some of you the best. Names will also be added to the agenda in the coming weeks. Let us know if you have any changes or questions!

INTERESTED IN

- * TRANS.AFRICAN
- ▶ TRANS.SPECIES, TRANS.VERSAL
- ◆ TRANS.MISSION, TRANS.GRESSION
- ✱ TRANS.NATIONAL, TRANS.GENERATIONS, TRANS.BORDERS
- ✂ TRANS.FINANCING
- ▲ TRANS.FICTION
- ◎ TRANS.SECTIONALITY

& INTERESTED, theme TBD

** INTERESTED, dates TBC



ZOOM on the "Torch » [1/2]



What The Torch is For

Like the Olympic torch, the Many Tomorrows Festival's "Torch" passes from one place to the next, however, its content changes at each iteration: Each event shares with the next one takeaway, and one question or challenge.

The Torch symbolically links all the Festival's events together.

It provides a simple way to share what came out of your event.

It can hopefully get conversations going among event organizers around the globe.

What The Process Will Be

Right after your event, send us your torch(a question or a reflection) and we will forward it to the right event.

Before your event, we will send you the question or a reflection in question to "push further" from the previous event.

What to Do With The Incoming Torch

What you do with it is up to you, however here are a few suggestions:

Basic:

- Print it and display it, along with an empty template for the Torch that you will produce at the end
- Mention the Question/Challenge at the start of your event, and remind participants that you have your Torch to produce and send

Better:

- Ask the Question/Challenge to the speakers or participants
- Include it as a creative constraint in your workshops
- Launch a discussion near the end: Have we addressed the previous event's Question/Challenge?
- Make the creation of your Torch a collective endeavor

Even better:

- If you have explicitly answered a previous event's question or challenge, let us know and we'll help you establish contact!

ZOOM on the "Torch » [2/2]

From: Event Name, place, date, Organizer: Contact



OUR KEY TAKEAWAY
OU OUTPUT

OUR QUESTION OR CHALLENGE
TO THE NEXT EVENT

Share something that came out of your event:

an image of something you produced, a video, or a short text outlining a key insight or idea.

What happened? What was produced?

Send a Question or a Challenge to next event:

After what went on during your event, what would you like the next event(s) do deal with, to push further?

For example:

- One insight that you wish you could have pushed further,
- A question that you haven't explored, but should have,
- A direction hinted at, but not followed...