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## **THE WORLD'S FIRST NON-VISUAL RESIDENCY**

NEW LIFE RESIDENCY is the world's first non-visual residency program for artists. The residency is organized by Wooloo as a work of **Manifesta 8**, the European Biennial of Contemporary Art, and will take place this fall in the Region of Murcia, Spain.

For one week each, five artists will be selected to live and work in a dark, visually distorted exhibition space. To support them in their life and work for the week, the artist will collaborate with a local Murcian assistant who is blind.

In cooperation with her/his assistant, the artist will use the one-week residency to create a guided tour of the non-visual space and experience in which s/he is living. The blind assistant will be the guide of this tour in darkness and the tour will be open to the biennial audience.

Additional to the guided tour, the five selected concept proposals will furthermore be exhibited in one of the main museum locations of Manifesta 8 and will be on view throughout the biennial from September 30th, 2010 (preview) to January 9th, 2011.

The five residency periods are:

September 27th to October 2nd, 2010

October 4th to October 9th, 2010

October 11th to October 16th, 2010

October 18th to October 23th, 2010

October 25th to October 30th, 2010

Artists are invited to apply for participation in the residency at [www.wooloo.org/residency](http://www.wooloo.org/residency)

The deadline for work proposals is AUGUST 15th, 2010.

## **ABOUT WOOLOO**

Wooloo (founded 2002) is a networked artist group operating through the online community [www.wooloo.org](http://www.wooloo.org).

Mixing digital communication with physical participation, Wooloo has developed a working method based on the advocacy of collectivity. While the Wooloo website currently connects the resources of more than 13.000 cultural producers in 140 countries, the group's various projects function as social experiments in direct collectivism.

Wooloo projects have been presented in such places as Artists Space (USA), Basel Kunsthalle (Switzerland) and the Third Guangzhou Triennial (China).

For more information, please see: [www.wooloo.org](http://www.wooloo.org) and [www.wooloo.org/residency](http://www.wooloo.org/residency)