

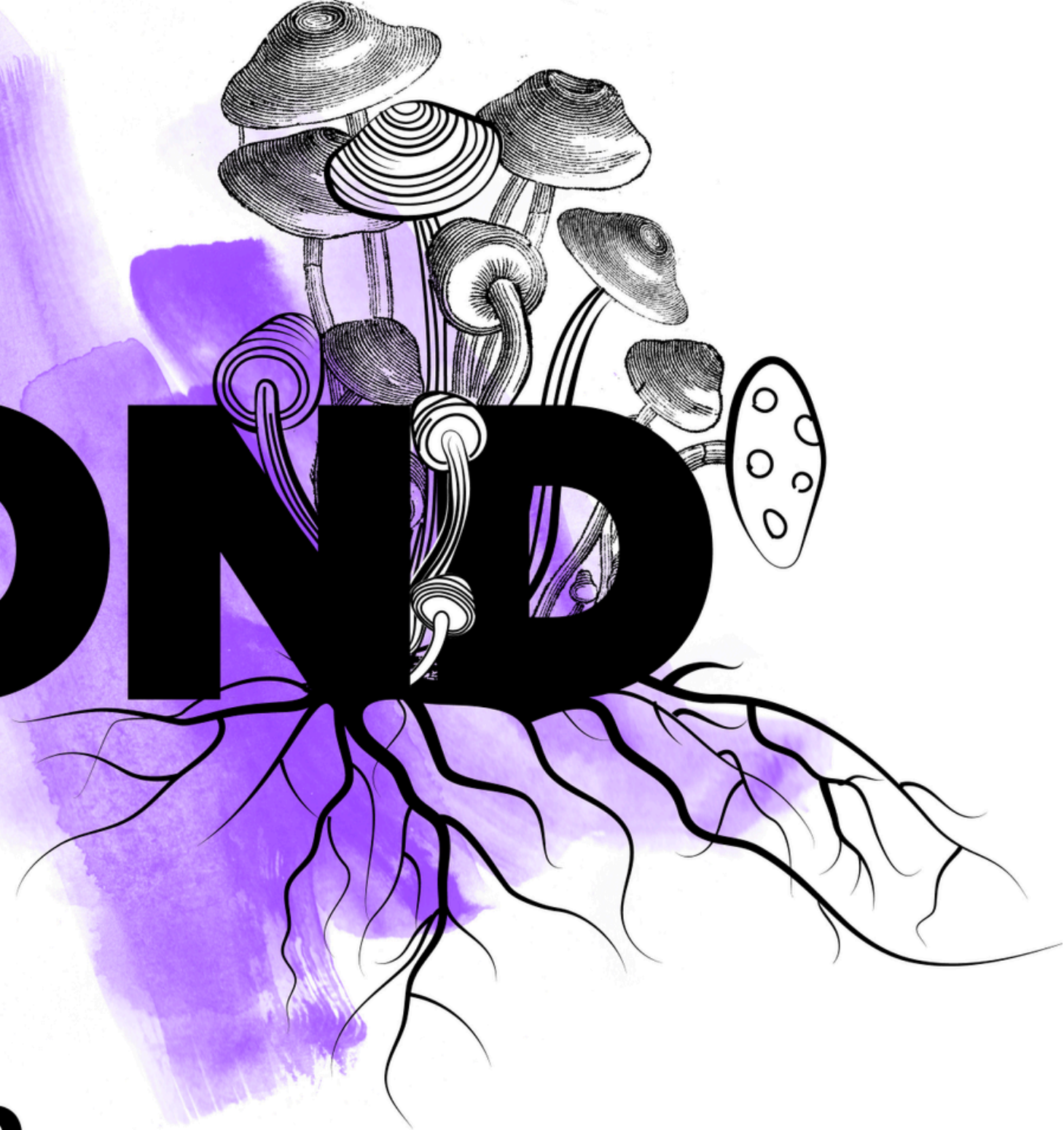
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# BEYOND

Gdańsk,  
Poland

19-20 May·2026



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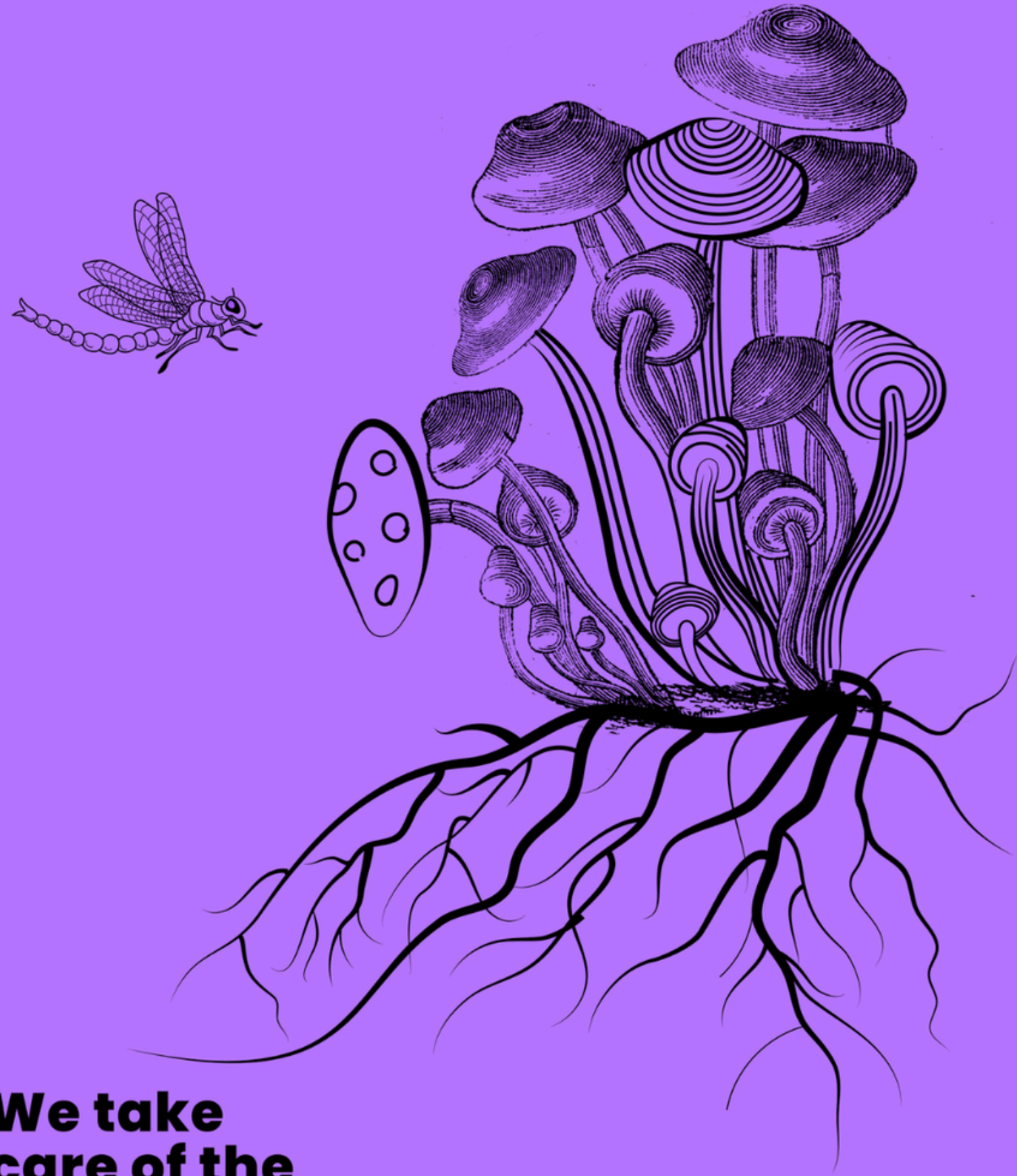
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# Welcome!

Thank you for joining us and fellow cultural practitioners from across Austria, Czechia, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, and Ukraine for Resilient Ties, part of Culture Action Europe's Satellite BEYOND programme.

## Key Informations

- Event language: English
- Venue: St. John's Centre in Gdansk (Świętojańska 50, 80-840 Gdansk)
- Contact: in case of emergency, or late arrival team@nck.org.pl

## First Day – 19 May

### **09:30 – Morning Walks for Early Arrivals**

**11:30** Explore the city through guided walks focused on its history, architecture, and the Solidarity heritage. **[optional]**

**Registration opens at 11:00**

### **11:30 – Lunch**

**12:30**

### **12:30 – Opening Session: Resilient Ties – 13:00 Welcome & Introduction**

Opening speeches, introduction to the programme, and practical information.

### **13:00 – What Are We Carrying Into the 13:30 Room?**

A shared exercise exploring personal experiences and how they shape our collective space.

### **13:30 – From Personal Survival to**

### **14:30 Collective Care – Conversation**

A discussion on burnout, emotional labour, and rethinking care as a collective and political practice rather than an individual responsibility.

### **14:30 – Break**

**15:00**

### **15:00 – Wellbeing Under Pressure – 17:00 Parallel Sessions**

A set of simultaneous sessions to choose from; detailed descriptions are provided on the [following pages](#).

### **17:00 – What Is Breaking, and What Is 18:00 Holding? – Collective Reflection**

A facilitated reflection mapping current challenges, sources of support, and experiences of solidarity among participants.

# Parallel Sessions

First Day - 19 May

## Starting in Culture: Work, Pressure, and Possibility – Conversation

A discussion with early-career professionals on entering the cultural sector, challenges, expectations, and access to opportunities.

## Structural Pressures on Cultural Work: Running NGOs in Difficult Times – Visual Discussion

A collective reflection on operating cultural NGOs amid funding instability, political pressure, and structural challenges.

## Hold Back Pressure – Forum Theatre Workshop

An interactive workshop using Forum Theatre to explore moments of pressure and experiment with alternative actions in real-life situations.

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## Culture & Health – Case Studies and Exchange

A session exploring how cultural initiatives contribute to health and social resilience through critical discussion of real projects.

Choose your Parallel Sessions now and secure your spot—registration is required for each session, places are limited, and spots will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

## Second Day – 20 May

- 8:40 – Good Morning Programme**  
**9:20** Start the day with an energising session guided by the rhythm of an African drum. **[optional]**
- 9:30 – Solidarity Under Pressure –**  
**10:15 Dialogue**  
A conversation on long-term solidarity, power dynamics, responsibility, and the risks of solidarity fatigue.
- 10:25 – Resilient Ties in Practice –**  
**11:45 Parallel Sessions**  
A set of simultaneous sessions to choose from; detailed descriptions are provided on the [following pages](#).
- 11:45 – Break**  
**12:15**

- 12:15 – What Do We Owe Each Other? –**  
**13:15 Closing Plenary**  
A reflective conversation on responsibility, relationships, and fairness within the cultural sector.
- 13:15 – Final Exercise & Closure**  
**13:30**
- 13:30 – Farewell Lunch**  
**14:30**
- 14:30 – CAE Members Meeting**  
Old Town Hall, Korzenna Street

# Parallel Sessions

## Second Day - 20 May

### Case Clinics: Peer-to-Peer Exchange – Working Session

Participants collaboratively reflect on real challenges, sharing perspectives and strategies through structured peer exchange.

### Inclusion & Access as Cultural Resilience – Conversation

A discussion on inclusion as an ongoing practice addressing power, representation, and participation in cultural spaces.

### What's Coming Next? Culture, Policy, and Funding in Europe – Info Session & Exchange

An introduction to current EU cultural policy developments and funding frameworks, combined with an open discussion.

### Holding and Releasing: Working with Tension Through Movement – Choreotherapy Workshop

A movement-based session exploring how tension and resilience are experienced physically and how to work with them.

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# OUR RECOMMENDATIONS

## Hotels



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## Food



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## Transport



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## Regenerative Space

A space to pause, reflect, write, or have quiet conversations. You can enter and leave freely whenever you need a moment to breathe and process.