



OPEN CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

About ZINE:UNSEEN

ZINE:UNSEEN is a collective project and distribution platform for independent and critical self-publishing. It amplifies voices that often go unheard, regardless of academic background, institutional ties, or market experience. At its core are marginalized perspectives and artistic expressions that exist outside established structures.

ZINE:UNSEEN thus refers to the raw aesthetics and the (politically) radical origins of the

medium and dissolves the boundaries between art, self-publishing and subculture.

Founded in 2025, ZINE:UNSEEN has grown steadily in its first year. Starting with just nine zines in March, the collection expanded to around 40 titles by December, created by approximately 30 different artists – with more to come. ZINE:UNSEEN participated in six events and successfully placed over 80 works into new hands.

SUBMISSIONS ARE WELCOME AT ANY TIME

Submit to: zine.unseen@oag.studio

For all details, please see the information below.

What ZINE:UNSEEN offers you?

- » Visibility through the platform and Instagram
- » Participation in zine fairs, art fairs, exhibitions, etc.
- » Inclusion in the ZINE:UNSEEN library and distribution
- » Community and exchange

What happens if your zine is accepted?

- » Your zine will be added to our library and kept in evidence to be presented at future events.
- » It will be featured on ZINE:UNSEEN's Instagram with photos, a short description, and links to you as the creator.
- » It may also be included in the project portfolio and used in current or future zine fair applications and project promotions.

Who can participate?

- » ZINE:UNSEEN is open to everyone who creates or publishes zines independently – whether your zine is political, personal, experimental, or loud.
- » Art books and publications from commercial publishers are excluded.
- » Submissions by marginalized voices with critical or artistic approaches are especially welcome.

Requirements

- Platform:** Self-published
- Format:** Max. A4 (closed)
- Language:** No restrictions
- Content:** No space for content that harms, excludes, or discriminates

How to get your zine into the archive and on the fairs?

Already produced zines

Postal delivery to
Stolberggasse 23B/16, 1050 Vienna

or

Personal drop-off
by appointment

To-be-produced zines

- » In exceptional cases (distance, limited mobility, financial barriers, etc.), we offer the option to produce your zine locally on your behalf and under your responsibility.
- » Participants cover the production costs, plus a handling fee of 20%.
- » Due to time and technical constraints, only simple digital printing (stapled or spiral-bound) is possible.

Participation Costs

- » Participation in the project is generally free of charge.
- » If production is carried out by ZINE:UNSEEN, the conditions mentioned above apply.
- » For each zine sold, ZINE:UNSEEN charges a flat fee of €1 to cover expenses (fair fees, print materials, etc.).
- » Please consider this when pricing your zine.

Usage Rights & Copyright

- » Copyright remains with the participants.
- » By participating, you confirm that you are the author and hold all rights to the submitted work.
- » You grant ZINE:UNSEEN simple usage rights only within the scope of this project.
- » Please fill out and submit the "Usage Agreement" included at the end of this document along with your submission.



How to submit?

Submissions are made in two steps.

Step One Preliminary Selection

Send us photos or a PDF of your zine.

E-Mail an: zine.unseen@oag.studio

Accepted formats: JPG/PNG/PDF

Additional info

(Just write in the body of your e-mail)

- » A short bio
- » A description / idea / background of your zine
- » Edition: open or limited to X copies
- » If applicable: brief info on your previous artistic or thematic work (Not a fixed requirement – ZINE:UNSEEN welcomes all voices, regardless of background or education)
- » Where can we link you? (Website / Social media / Portfolio etc.)

Cost: Submitting and participating is free of charge.

Step Two

If your zine is selected for the project, you will receive an e-mail with further details and deadlines for acceptance and production.

Visit us on Instagram

You'll find info & links in our bio



@zine.unseen

Contact

Website: www.oag.studio/zineunseen

Instagram: @zine.unseen

E-Mail: zine.unseen@oag.studio

Got questions? We're happy to hear from you!

Don't leave your zine unseen.



USAGE AGREEMENT

First and last name / Artist name

E-mail address

Title of the zine

Edition (open or limited to X copies)

Where can we link you? (Website / Social media / Portfolio etc.)

! If you have not already done so, please send the following information to zine.unseen@oag.studio

A short artist bio and a brief description of your zine, including its idea and background

Authorship & Rights

I confirm that I have read and understood the info sheet and agree to the terms outlined therein.

I also confirm that I am the creator of the submitted work and that I hold all necessary rights to participate in ZINE:UNSEEN.

If third-party content is included (e.g. quotes, images, texts), I have secured the appropriate permissions for their use in this context.

Non-exclusive Usage Rights

I grant ZINE:UNSEEN the non-exclusive right to use my submitted work within the scope of the project.

This includes, in particular

- » Archiving in the ZINE:UNSEEN library
- » Publishing on the website and social media
- » Presentation at exhibitions, zine fairs, markets, events, etc.
- » Distribution at the above-mentioned events
- » Use of excerpts or images for project promotion

All use is non-commercial and always includes credit.

Fee

ZINE:UNSEEN only charges a symbolic fee of €1 per sale to help cover basic expenses (e.g. fair fees, printing, promotional materials).

Revocation & Contact

You may revoke your consent at any time, in writing to: zine.unseen@oag.studio

In this case, your work will be removed from all future uses, as far as this is organizationally feasible.

I hereby agree to the terms and conditions of this usage agreement.

Place and date

Signature