



**Project description: *Nothing personal***

“It’s Personal” is a Norway-Thailand Performance Art Exchange event which brings together eight female artists to collaborate, focusing on their individual personal issues. Part 1 took place in three cities in Thailand in December 2016 and Part 2 which titled Nothing Personal will take place in Skuløy (outside Ålesund), Ålesund and Bergen Norway in Autumn 2017. The project aims to facilitate a collaboration of 4 artists from Norway and 4 artists from Thailand. Each artist will convene and work with the theme Nothing Personal in mind. The project offer spaces for artists and the locals to express their view freely, away from prejudices and strict control of the moral high ground. The project aims to improve a cross cultural understanding between Thai minorities and Norwegian majority by using performance art as a platform.

**Part 1:**

Was conducted in Thailand in December 2016. The 8 artist meet in Chiang Kong, a city along the Mekong river, on the border between Thailand and Laos in the northern part of Thailand. The artists got involved in a Community Art Project and spent time with the locals, learning about the community and their livelihood, the artist made her a site-specific work. Chiang Mai we held artistic presentations at Asian Culture Station and did individual performance at Pongnoi Community Art Center. We finished in Bangkok with a artist / project presentations and a four-hour long group performance at Bangkok Art and Culture Center. The visual documentation attached is from It`s personal, part 1.

**Part 2:**

**Nothing Personal - Skuløy, 7 days**

1) Thai and Talk

Both in Thai and Norwegian culture cooking food and eating together is important, food can create a natural fora for social interaction, sharing of thoughts and skills. Thai and Talk is an open event and a public discussion which artists and invited local audiences whom many are originally from Thailand will share a meal and having conversations in a casual atmosphere. The artists will introduce themselves and talk about their experiences and their journey during It’s Personal part 1 in Thailand. There will be a presentation and video documentation as part of the talk. The involvement of the locals will allow the idea of personal issues to evolve and develop within dual communities and with sharing in mind.

Site-specific performance

The 8 artists will stay in a traditional farm house. They will spend time with the locals learning about the community, their livelihood and get involve with the local community. The outcome will be two days of site-specific performance / artwork base on the experience with the community.

**Nothing Personal - Ålesund, 3 days**

2) Thai and Talk

Is a public event which artists and invited local audiences including the Thai communities will share a meal and have conversations in casual environment. Artists will introduce themselves and talk about their experiences and their journeys in It’s Personal part 1. The event will create an opportunity for the artists to engage with audiences through talks and discussions.

Performance Art / Exhibition:

One day solo performances where the 8 artists will create live performances with personal issues in mind. Photography and video documentations of It’s Personal part 1 will be exhibited as part of the event.

## Nothing Personal - Bergen, 7 days

### 3) Thai & Talk in collaboration with Gallery 3,14

The Norwegian artist have documented their travel through Thailand and their stay in Pattaya as an important part of their research for It's Personal project. The Thai & Talk in Bergen will follow the journey of the artists through different locations. The artists will express their personal opinion and open up for question and discussion after the talk. After the discussion there will be Thai food and refreshment to share.

### Performance Art

One day solo performances. The 8 artists will create live performances with personal issues in mind. Photography and video documentations of It's Personal part 1 will be exhibited as part of the event. This event will take place at Visningsrommet USF if our proposal to them are excepted.

### Detailed schedule:

Date:	Activity:	Place:
22.Oct	Norwegian artist travel to Longva	
23. Oct	Thai artist will arrive Ålesund and travel to Longva on Skuløy	Skuløy
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24. - 25. Oct	Weather and Landscape	Skuløy
26. Oct	Longva Culture Night 1) Thai & Talk Welcome Artist to Longva	Skuløy
27. - 29. Oct	Visiting the community, spending time with the locals	Skuløy
30 - 31. Oct	Site-specific performance / artwork	Skuløy
1. Nov	Put put the exhibition. Meeting Thai local in Ålesund, preparation for Thai & Talk	
02. Nov	An Opening - Nothing Personal at KUBE 2) Thai & Talk / Open dialog	Ålesund
03. Nov	Preparations for performance night	Ålesund
04. Nov	Nothing Personal / Performance Night at KUBE	Ålesund
05. Nov	Exhibition - It's Personal (close - clear). Travel to Bergen	Ålesund
06. Nov	Travel from Ålesund to Bergen	Boat
07. Nov	Settling in, seeing Visningsrommet USF	Bergen
8. Nov	Preparations	Bergen
09. Nov	3) Thai and Talk, It's Personal - The journey at Visningsrommet USF in collaboration with Galleri 3,14	Bergen
10. Nov	Performance evening 18 - 21 pm, Individual performance at Visningsrommet USF	Bergen
11. Nov	Performance day 15 - 18 pm, Individual performance at Visningsrommet USF	Bergen
12. Nov	Thai artist leaving Bergen	Bergen