

## First Animation Lab at DOK Leipzig further connecting documentary and animation industries

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DOK Industry partners with CEE Animation | Panel by German AG Animationsfilm on diversity in animated filmmaking



DOK Leipzig 2022 | Get Together Animation (photo: Lukas Diller)

Keeping on with its long tradition of putting animated and documentary films in a dialogue, DOK Leipzig is further expanding its industry activities to the animation sector to boost mutual exchange and promote networking opportunities between documentary and animation film professionals. Interested professionals will have the opportunity to attend several events focusing on animated film, in particular, on Friday of the festival week (13 October).

Festival participants can find a number of dedicated formats in the DOK Industry programme connecting colleagues from the documentary and animation sectors, including Animation Lab DOK Leipzig (launched in cooperation with CEE Animation), an AG Animationsfilm panel, the networking event Animation Meets Doc and a Get Together hosted by AG Animationsfilm, ASIFA Germany, AG Kurzfilm and DIAF.

Events in the public programme include a DOK Talk on feature-length animated films hand-picked from this year's festival programme, the dialogue setting [“Animation Perspectives”](#) and the [“Animation Night” with Tess Martin](#). This year, DOK Leipzig is also introducing an International Competition for animated films, awarding a Golden Dove for best animated feature and best animated short film. This comes as part of the festival's intention to give greater prominence to feature-length animated films.

Tuesday 10 October – Friday 13 October

### **Animation Lab DOK Leipzig (in collaboration with CEE Animation)**

DOK Industry is partnering up with CEE Animation (CEE Animation Forum, the largest industry platform for European animated projects in Central and Eastern European countries) to hold an inaugural animation workshop, Animation Lab DOK Leipzig. Documentary producers, who are developing their first animated documentary of any format (short, series or feature) will participate in the four-day workshop and gain insights into the animation industry as well as production and distribution. The workshop will be led by international experts from the animation industry.

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**Panel by AG Animationsfilm: Diversity: Less Talk, More Action!**

The AG Animationsfilm panel “Diversity: Less Talk, More Action!” addresses the issue of diversity in animated filmmaking. The panel vocalises the need to move away from tokenism toward genuine change, where diversity is woven into the fabric of animated film as well as its production processes. The panel will spotlight several animated films that are part of this year’s festival selection. The invited guests are individuals who have taken concrete steps to make diversity a reality in their films and in their work. The panellists will discuss the need for action, and how this could be implemented in animated filmmaking.

Friday 13 October at 18:30

**Get Together (hosted by AG Animationsfilm, ASIFA Germany, AG Kurzfilm and DIAF)**

In addition to dedicated workshops and talks, accredited guests will also have the opportunity to meet their colleagues and make new connections in a relaxed atmosphere at a Get Together, hosted by AG Animationsfilm (the German Animation Association), ASIFA Germany (Association Internationale du Film d’Animation / the International Animated Film Association), AG Kurzfilm (the German Short Film Association) and DIAF (the German Institute for Animated Film). The Get Together will take place on Friday evening, 13 October, at 18:30 at the Festival Centre.

**Animation Meets Doc**

With Animation Meets Doc, DOK Industry provides ample opportunity for animation filmmakers to meet esteemed members of the documentary community and experts from the field. This format offers animation and documentary film professionals to expand their network and get connected for future projects and collaborations.

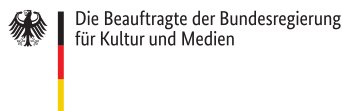
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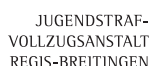
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