

VISION LAB

**ELEMENTARY
SCHOOLS**
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PROGRAM FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

"The camera is an instrument that teaches people how to see without a camera."
Dorothea Lange

VISION LAB is a customized visual literacy program for elementary, secondary, and higher education. Its goal is to make audiovisual culture accessible to everyone, in order to help students develop a creative and critical perspective on the world around them.

Throughout the year or in conjunction with temporary exhibitions, the CNA's education department offers guided tours of exhibitions and behind-the-scenes tours of the CNA, special film screenings, and hands-on workshops.

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YEAR-ROUND **FROM CYCLE 2 ONWARDS**



A BEHIND-THE-SCENES VISIT OF THE CNA

The CNA is opening its doors to school pupils! By visiting the CNA's technical rooms, studios, and archives, pupils will discover the many different careers in the audiovisual sector, as well as the importance of collective memory and the preservation of audiovisual archives.

The themes of the tour can be tailored to the class's interests: photography, film, archives, careers in the audiovisual sector, etc.



Length: at least 90 minutes



A CINEMA OUTING

A trip to the cinema is a shared experience that shapes our perspective on a film.

In collaboration with the Luxembourg Union for Audiovisual Production (ULPA), the CNA offers a selection of films (co-)produced in Luxembourg and aimed at young audiences. The screening can be facilitated by the CNA's educational department, members of the film crew, or experts on the topics covered. Press kits and/or teaching resources are made available to teachers.



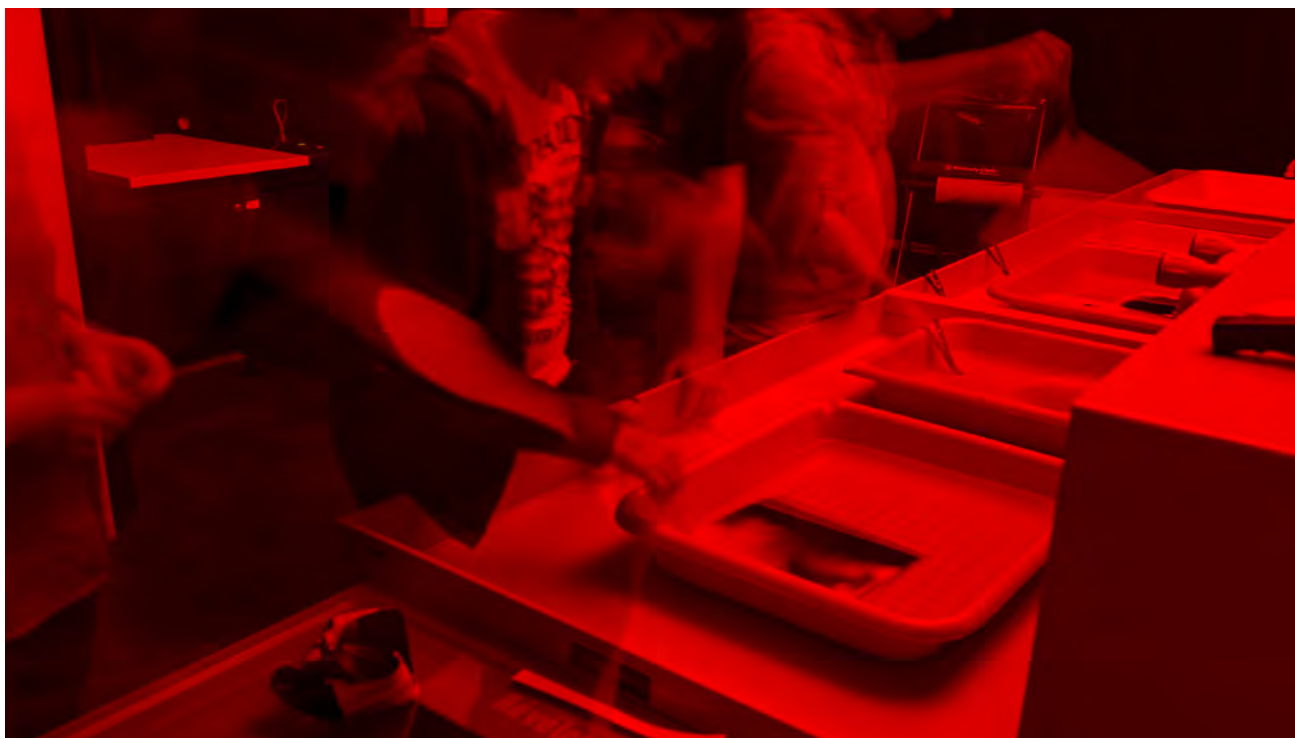
The catalogue can be viewed [here](#).



Length: depending on the film and the chosen facilitation option



Price: €5 per person (pupils and accompanying adults)



INSIDE THE DARKROOM

In the CNA's laboratory, pupils discover the magic of the darkroom and the origins of photography by creating photograms. A photogram is a photograph produced without a camera, created by the shadow of an object exposed to light on photosensitive paper. By playing with shadows, light, overlapping, and the transparency of objects, pupils discover this process through experimentation and leave with their own creations.



Length: 120 minutes



Maximum number of participants: 16 (For larger groups, parallel tours and/or workshops can be organised.)



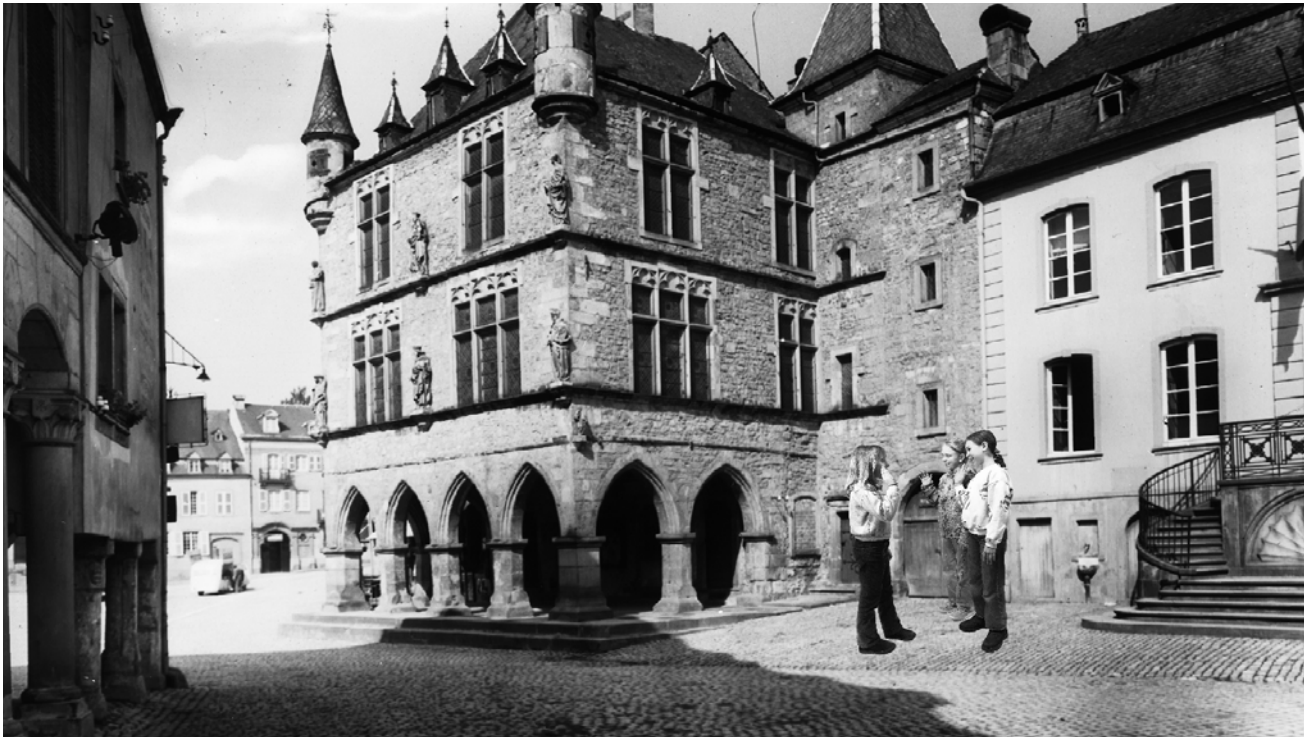
FACES IN PLACES

Building facades and street fixtures come to life! During this workshop, pupils are invited to explore the urban landscape in search of hidden faces, thereby developing their curiosity and creativity. A great opportunity to give free rein to their imagination and to see the town of Dudelange in a new light through a camera lens. The result is an original group exhibition which they can share with their school community.



Length: 100 minutes



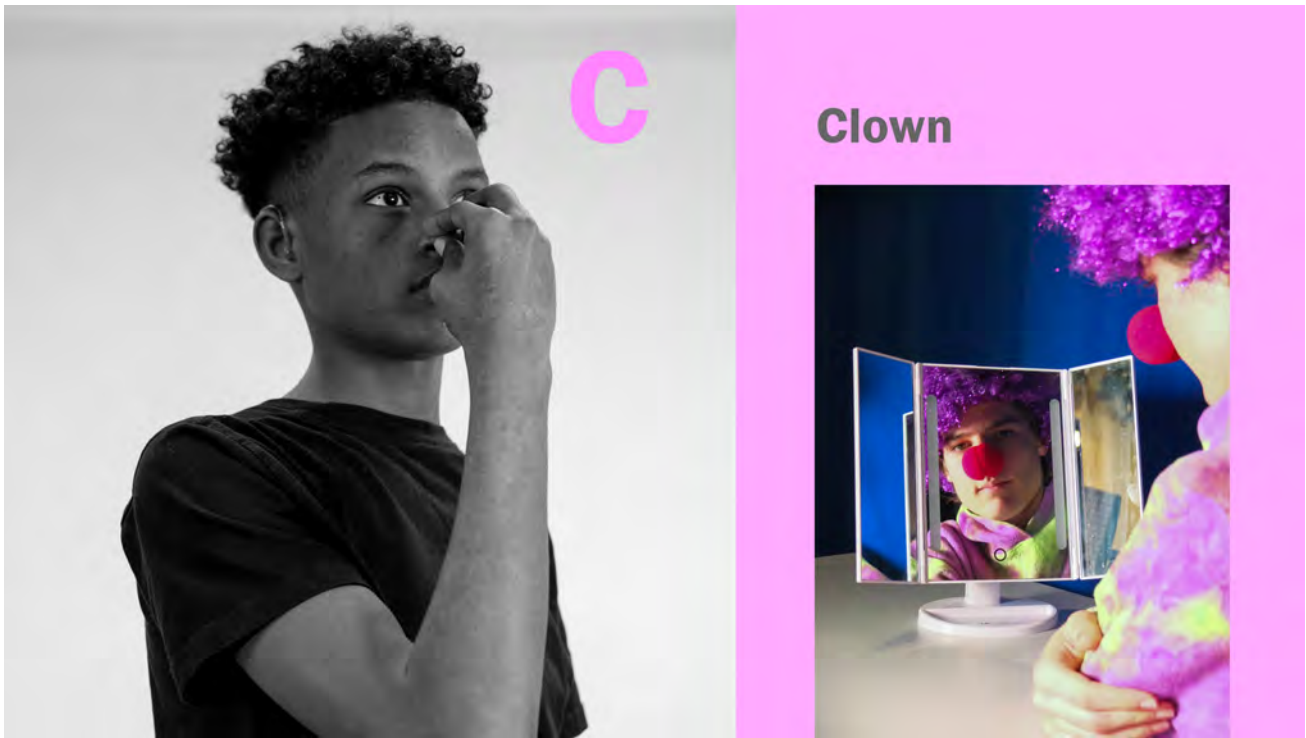


WHAT IF WE REWROTE HISTORY?

This workshop takes participants on a journey through the CNA's archives, exploring the history of photography and Luxembourg. It helps pupils understand the stories that an image can hold and what happens when a photograph is taken out of context. Using archive photographs, pupils invent their own stories – sometimes dramatic, sometimes comical – which they present to their classmates using Kamishibai, a small picture-story theatre. They also discover green-screen techniques, artificial intelligence and image manipulation to take photos of themselves and insert themselves into the stories of the people and places depicted.



Length: 100 minutes



AN ABC BOOK THROUGH PICTURES

This two-session workshop invites pupils to create their own photographic exhibition based on the theme of the alphabet. After collectively choosing a word for each of the 26 letters of the alphabet, they seek out the people, objects, and situations that represent their chosen words in a creative, playful, and poetic way. Their photographic interpretations of the letters of the alphabet may be accompanied by texts and/or drawings expressing the participants' creativity.



Length: 2 sessions of 120 minutes

YEAR-ROUND **FROM CYCLE 4 ONWARDS**



SHOWCASING THE WORLD THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHS

Against the backdrop of the current crisis in journalism, this workshop offers an introduction to photojournalism and encourages pupils to develop a critical and creative perspective on the world around them. Following an introduction to photojournalism and an analysis of images by reporters who have covered conflicts around the world, pupils create their own photo reportage by following every stage of the process to construct a narrative through images: taking photographs, selecting images, editing, sequencing, captioning, and exhibition.



Length: 2 sessions of 150 minutes



THE PORTRAIT IN ITS MANY FORMS

An artistic portrait is much more than a passport photo: It tells a story. This photographic portrait workshop aims to guide pupils through the process of creating their own portrait: composition, staging, lighting, front view, back view, standing or sitting, in a studio or against a natural backdrop... Pupils will learn all the secrets to producing a photographic portrait in accordance with best practice.



Length: 150 minutes



Maximum number of participants: 16 (For larger groups, parallel tours and/or workshops can be organised.)



EXPLORING THE SEVENTH ART

During this hands-on workshop, pupils explore every aspect of filmmaking. From camerawork to acting, via screenwriting and sound recording, they'll discover all the secrets of the craft.

Depending on the sessions and the time available, participating classes will either film a series of light-hearted scenes or produce their own original short film. The project is tailored to the number of pupils and their level of experience.



Length: at least 3 sessions of 150 minutes



WHAT'S YOUR STORY ? A JOURNEY INTO THE HEART OF COLLECTIVE MEMORY

What's Your Story ? invites pupils to discover the issues surrounding archives, collective memory and heritage conservation by exploring and recounting their personal and family histories. Participants conduct their investigations on the theme of displacement – whether chosen or endured – experienced by themselves or their families.

After delving into the CNA's archives and meeting its educational team and the photographer and author Neckel Scholtus, participants are invited to explore their own personal archives, as well as those of their parents or grandparents, in order to select, examine and create the narratives they wish to contribute to the collective memory.



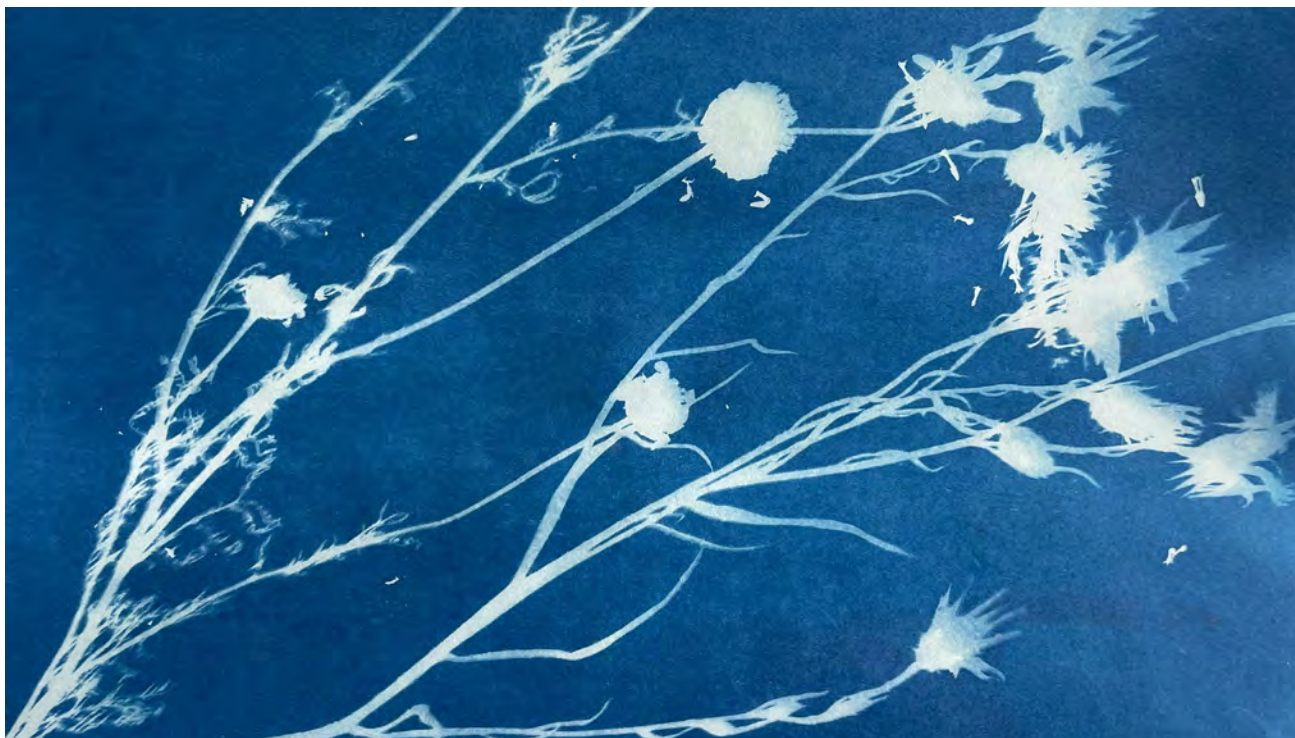
Over the course of four sessions, the students conduct a genuine investigation into their family history, with a particular focus on the history of migration and displacement, in order to create a personal narrative incorporating family photographs, archival documents, a self-portrait and an audio recording of their story... Each piece of work is presented as part of an installation, so that each individual story contributes to the others to form a collective history.



Length: 7 to 10 hours, spread over 4 sessions
+ independent work to be completed at home

A dedicated educational booklet provides an overview of the *What's Your Story?* project. For further information, please contact:
visionlab@cna.etat.lu.

AS PART OF TEMPORARY
EXHIBITIONS
FROM CYCLE 2 ONWARDS



DRAWING WITH THE SUN – CYANOTYPE WORKSHOP

Using sunlight or UV lamps, pupils discover how to create an original monochrome blue artwork through the cyanotype process. This technique results in a photogram, a photograph produced without a camera, created by capturing the shadow of an object placed on light-sensitive paper. Participants then experiment with various compositions and take their final creations home.



Length: 120 minutes



Dates: April-July 2027

INFORMATION

Guided tours and workshops are free for schools and other educational and youth organisations. Film screenings are available at the school rate of €5 per person (pupils and accompanying adults).

All workshops can be tailored to the needs of teachers and pupils. Supervision is provided by the CNA's educational team and professional artists. Teachers act as facilitators during and/or between workshops.

In addition to the workshops listed, other collaborative projects can be developed. For any enquiries or proposals, please contact the CNA's educational department:

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REGISTRATION

For all reservation requests, please contact visionlab@cna.etat.lu with the following information:

DESIRED WORKSHOPS AND/OR GUIDED TOURS

(a guided tour of the exhibition is included as part of the temporary workshops):

Name of school:

Year group:

Teacher's name:

Number of pupils:

Contact details:

Preferred date(s) and time(s):

Language:



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