

HOW TO BE A PATRIDIDIOT



Lucerne 2026

24th of July - 3rd of August



Who is it for?

This 10-day Summerschool is for people with (rebel) clowning experience who are interested in diving deeper into this practice. If you have any questions or special needs, feel free to [contact us](#).

About:

Together with [Hilary Ramsden](#) and [Robyn Hambrook](#), co-founders of the Nomadic Rebel Clown Academy and CIRCA, we will deepen the practice of political clowning through collective research and experimentation.

The Rebel Clown Summerschool brings together clowning, bouffon, street performance and political action. Working from the inside out, we move from personal experience and embodied research towards collective creation and public intervention: We will perform on the 1st of August, during the celebrations of Switzerland's National Day.

Building on Rebel Clowning methodologies, we engage with questions of [democracy](#) and [nationalism](#) and explore how aesthetic practice can become concrete political action. The process aims to go beyond spectacle, developing poetic, effective and resistant forms of creative engagement with the political realities of our time.

> for more infos: www.clownlabor.ch



Important Information:

- **Language:** English
- **Participation:** Max. of 20 participants
- **Costs:** donation based (recommendation 0-150€) for participants aged 18–30
> older? mention it in your application, we will try to find a solution
- **Accessibility:** We especially encourage people who are less represented or face structural barriers in artistic or activist training spaces to apply. If you have specific needs, questions or concerns regarding participation please feel free to [contact us](#).
The accommodation is wheelchair accessible.
- **Travel costs:** Reimbursed for travel from AUT, CH, UK, NL, DE, CZ
- **Daily life:** Collective cooking and housekeeping; vegan food only
- **Accommodation:** Shared bedrooms (2x16-bed rooms)
- **Insurance:** Must be arranged by participants



How can I apply?

Send us your application (Clownlab@proton.me) until 01.03.2026 in the form of your choice (short text/audio/video/...) answering the following questions:

- What is your connection to political clowning?
- Are you applying with others from the same (activist) clown group?
- What do you want to learn or research, what inspires you?
- What conditions, resources or changes would support you in participating or in engaging politically through art in the way you wish to?

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