

Petition Call: Save KIOSK 108 - Support the Cultural Hub in Seyðisfjörður, ICELAND!

Immediate Action Required! Sign Our Petition Against Eviction - Preserve Our Cultural Haven!

Dear Supporters of Art, Culture, and Community,

We urgently seek your support to safeguard KIOSK 108, an independent Art Project dedicated to fostering Culture, Music, and Art in Seyðisfjörður, ICELAND.

The Threat: Immediate Eviction

Our beloved KIOSK 108 faces the imminent threat of eviction, jeopardizing its status as a cultural oasis in this small, isolated town at the edge of the world. The Múlaþing local government, located in eastern Iceland, has denied us the necessary permit, and the removal decision was made in the absence of the owner and artist, Monika Fryčová, who is currently representing Iceland at an art symposium in Mauritius and Sri Lanka. This decision is unprecedented and extreme.

Our Cause: Defend the Heart of the Town

KIOSK 108, the soul of Seyðisfjörður, is more than just a venue; it is a symbol of the town's spirit. Despite being elected to host the prestigious Reykjavik Art Festival 2024, the government's refusal to grant a permit threatens the very essence of art in our community. We have actively engaged in discussions with the Múlaþing council, submitted proposals, and demonstrated our commitment to the town's cultural enrichment.

The Injustice: Lack of Support and Understanding

Despite our efforts and the proven success of KIOSK 108 in attracting artists, tourists, and locals alike, we have received no support from Múlaþing. There is a glaring lack of gratitude for what we have done for the town, and the absence of discussion and interest in supporting an innovative art project is disheartening.

Our Plea: Preserve the Magical Place

We applied to stay in the same crucial location near the lagoon, a significant part of our project. The proposed alternative location is unacceptable, lacking the vibrancy, integration, and cultural significance that our original concept aimed to achieve. We urge you to join us in defending this magical place that has become an integral part of Seyðisfjörður's identity.

The Challenge: Discrimination against Success

Monika Fryčová established her company, NO PANIC EHF, to manage the art piece legally, paying regular taxes to the government. Despite our compliance, it seems that our success has become a basis for discrimination. Is the government truly supportive of its people and those who wish to contribute to the community?

Our Legacy: International Recognition and Participation

KIOSK 108, created by Monika Fryčová and a team of talented artists, has gained international recognition with exhibitions in Portugal, Mauritius, and the Czech Republic. The potential closure jeopardizes not only the artist's work but the collaborative efforts of institutions, artists, and the cultural community.

Kiosk 108 was supported by Icelandic cultural and art institutions :

Uppbyggingarsjóði Austurland, Muggur, Myndlistarsjóður, The Icelandic Art Center, Myndstef, Listamannalaun (by Ministry of Culture Art salary)

Many reviews and description can be viewed on : Google reviews, Tripadvisor, Restaurant Guru, Kayak travel guides - Instagram - kiosk108iceland or www.kiosk108.net

Your Support Matters: Sign the Petition!

We implore you to sign our petition and stand with us to save KIOSK 108. Your support is crucial to preserving a vital cultural hub in Seyðisfjörður.

Preserve Art, Preserve Culture, Preserve KIOSK 108!

[Link to Petition - <https://www.change.org/>]

Thank you for your immediate attention and support!

Sincerely,

Monika Fryčová - NO PANIC Ehf. KIOSK 108