

Call: Narrating Work, Imagining the Future

What does work mean for us today? A necessity, a burden, a broken promise? For many young people, work seems increasingly far from the idea of fulfillment and closer to a system that tires, alienates, and frustrates. But what happens when we begin to narrate work? When we transform this experience into words, images, music, or other languages that can give voice to our discontent and, at the same time, our desire to change things?

Zattere is a collective project that aims to talk about work through the lens of those, like us, who live in an era of precariousness and disillusionment but refuse to give up. Because work can and must be a political act, a service to the world, a contribution to making it a better place.

What we are looking for:

- **Poems, stories, and personal reflections:** Your experiences and thoughts on work, precariousness, and anger as a creative force.
- **Artistic visions:** Drawings, photographs, graphics, or any visual form exploring the relationship between work, youth, and society.
- **Cultural recommendations:** Works that inspire us to rethink work or give us hope for a different future.

Themes:

- Precariousness as a generational condition.
- Work as a political act: What does it mean to work in a way that is useful, ethical, and respectful of oneself and others?
- Everyday rebellion: How we escape the expectations of the system and create spaces of resistance.

Who can participate:

We are looking for young, curious, angry, or hopeful people who want to tell what work represents for them.

We're not seeking professionals or experts: we're interested in anyone with something to say, willing to express it authentically. Whether you write, draw, photograph, or invent stories, your vision matters — especially if it stems from a commitment to free, transfeminist, decolonial, and, perhaps, a little insolent culture.

Why participate:

Because narrating work is the first step in imagining it differently. It's a way to transform frustration into proposals, anger into change, discontent into connection. It's a way to say that, even though work tires us, we will never stop searching for a way to make work fairer, more humane, more ours.

How to participate:

- Send your contribution (texts, images, or other works), along with the completed release form, to **zattere.org@gmail.com** by **01/03/2025**, specifying the title of the CALL you're responding to in the subject line.
- Feel free to interpret the theme however you like: we have no rigid rules or fixed expectations.

Each submission will be carefully reviewed and discussed to become part of our next collective project — a raft of ideas, stories, and provocations to navigate stagnant or stormy waters.

If you believe ideas need spaces to float — and sometimes even to drift — we invite you to join us.

Note: If you have a contribution that doesn't fit the themes of the currently open CALLs, send it to us anyway! Your work could inspire the theme for a future CALL, or we may gather all the "off-topic" contributions into a new publication. Please specify "Off-topic Contribution" in the email subject line.