Rebuilding Love, Narrating Change

What does it mean to love today? How can we imagine ways of loving that are free, healthy, and authentic, unshackled from the constraints of stereotypes and conventions? Once we've deconstructed all there is to deconstruct about love, only one task remains: to *rebuild*.

Zattere is a space for collective creation and reflection, born to explore urgent and universal themes through the lens of a culture that rebels against conformity. In this call, we invite you to tell stories of love in all its forms: from those we know well to those we are still learning to recognize.

What we're looking for

- Poems, stories, and personal reflections: Narratives of love, pleasure, and sex that deconstruct traditional models and challenge the moralism of conservative thought.
- **Artistic visions**: Drawings, photographs, graphics, or any visual form that explores love as a political act.
- **Cultural recommendations**: Works that inspire us to rethink our sexual and emotional connections.

Themes

- Love as a collective construction: How to move beyond the heteronormative and monogamous models to imagine new ways of relating to one another.
- Rebuilding love: Stories and visions that highlight the value of care, listening, empathy, and freedom.
- Rediscovering roots: How can we learn from the past? What lessons from previous generations can guide us in creating a fairer and more inclusive future, while acknowledging the value of our roots?

Who can participate

We're looking for individuals who want to share their stories and ideas with honesty and creativity.

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 telling stories of love is the first step toward imagining it differently and rebuilding it through a plurality of diverse projects. If love is in crisis, it's because we've all come to realize that the numbers just don't add up anymore — in that patriarchal formula of love we were indoctrinated into.

Acknowledging that love is both a collective and individual matter, we recognize that it is also *political*.

How to participate

- Send your contribution (texts, images, or other works), along with the <u>completed</u> release form, to <u>zattere.org@gmail.com</u> by <u>01/03/2025</u>, 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.