

# LAKE OF CHANGE *Bangalore*



## Water is the essence of life.

Bangalore's existence and rapid growth is based on its many lakes and tanks. But how do we treat them today? What risks do we provoke, what potentials do we reject by our ignorance for them?

The „**Lake of Change**“ is a socio-ecologic Act-Up happening on a selected waterbody in Bangalore. Initiated by the interdisciplinary **makers4humanity** collective, several local and international partners and people join efforts in this temporary project to encourage and stage-manage the new socio-ecological perception of urban waters through cultural and co-creative methods, designs and events. The sustainable urban transition and its individual daily actions need inspiring symbols, participatory methods and appropriate designs to emerge in large.

## The Lake-of-Change program consists of five interconnected activities:

1. Within the 4-week interim program of the **Srishti Institute students**, the situation and potentials of water bodies and their shores will be analyzed with the aim to develop and prototype „EcoDesigns“ in art and culture, design or social practise.
2. The student results as well as other best-practises, concepts and strategies from related organisations, involved officials and interested individuals will be presented and discussed at the **Lake-of-Change conference** at the Metro Art Centre on Dec.8th
3. Parallel, we collect further content through the „**EcoDesign Challenge**“, an open crowdsourcing campaign for suitable designs, methods, concepts for socio-ecologic urban transformation. All entries will be presented on the makers4humanity online-platform and a best-of selection will be exhibited at the LoC-conference.
4. Like in earlier makers4humanity Act-Ups, local makers and related partners together with international volunteers will realize selected objects/concepts within **the open maker-week** from Dec.10th to 17th. The design-thinking workshop will deliver feasible prototypes that can be further developed or directly adapted for specific purposes and locations, as all results shall be shared open-source.
5. Finally, we'll celebrate the **Lake-of-Change festival** on December, 22nd/23rd. The program of this radically participative event totally depends on the interaction and contributions of the LoC partners, sponsors, neighbours, volunteers. It will demonstrate the success of this temporary Act-Up happening, become its closing ceremony and will eventually open the path for further cooperative activities in Bangalore and beyond.

We have chosen a downtown **Kalyani water tank** as the central location for the initial **Lake-of-Change, Bangalore**, which provides a transferable planning framework and the traditional common ground for neighbouring communities.

Our **Design Challenge** (after the design-thinking method) is: "How to boost the emerging sustainable mindset towards urban water bodies by cultural-creative practises, methods, designs, installations and events?!"

The motivation of this joint project is to help raise awareness for the importance of healthy water bodies through bottom-up projects and practises of passionate makers together with the neighbourhood community, likeminded organizations and corporations, in cooperation with authorities and other stakeholders.

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Lake of Change is a joint project by the



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Websites:

[www.m4h.club/loc](http://www.m4h.club/loc)  
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