

OPEN CALL. Deadline: November 20th, 2025.

Waste Culture #1: Datscha Radio broadcasts from Kobe, Japan. 22nd of November.

The production of waste is a sure indicator of our civilization, and it tells many stories.

The ambiguity of the word “waste” alone already invites thinking about production, consumption, surplus and left-overs, about what is and what needs to be discarded but also about what eventually needs to be shared, recycled and redistributed.

Cultivating waste: How can we cope with abundance in the face of diminishing resources? Datscha Radio calls out to activists and artists, trash lovers and haters, and invites your creative in- and outputs.

Datscha Radio is a nomadic and ecologic radio art project maintained by Gabi Schaffner, and in cooperation with local people and communities. The project is presently based in Kobe, hosted by the HAIOKU group’s residency place Bison. The station will move to the district of Miyagi in December.

Languages: English and Japanese

The broadcasts will present talks, your contributions, and, depending on the situation, live music.

We are curious about:

- Spoken word: Stories/essays relating to the ecologies of waste
- Sound art and field recordings relating to acoustic properties/interpretations of “trash/waste”
- When interested to perform live, please send 100 words about your idea
- You must own the (copy)rights of your production!

Deadline and Formats: Deadline is **November, 20th**. Please:

- Please send your ‘wasted’ radio contribution as **mp3 ONLY** (preferably 320 mbits)
- label your tracks: firstname_lastname_title
- include a pdf with **2 sentences** about your piece (how it relates to the theme) and your person
- put **Waste Culture #1** as subject line
- send the link to info@datscharadio.de via wetransfer et al

Participation

Performers, spontaneous guests and visitors are welcome. Please bring a personal item that you would like to dispose of. In exchange for your story about it, Gabi Schaffner has collected gifts for you from her Berlin friends.

How to listen

We will be broadcasting live from Bison, Umemoto-cho, Hyogo Ward, Kobe City. You can listen to us online on www.datscharadio.de/en

Sustainability

The show will be archived and for further dissemination shared on mixcloud.com. If you prefer your work not to be shared except for a one-off broadcast, please state so in your email.

Fees

Datscha Radio works on a non-commercial basis, therefore we cannot reimburse you for your valuable time and work. What we have to offer is a radio station and art platform for discovery, exchange and networking.

All copyrights stay with the artists. For more information about the project, broadcasting schedule & guests, please see datscharadio.de. Information will be up-dated in due course of events.

Timeframe and program will be updated online within the next 10 days: datscharadio.de/en