

Open Call

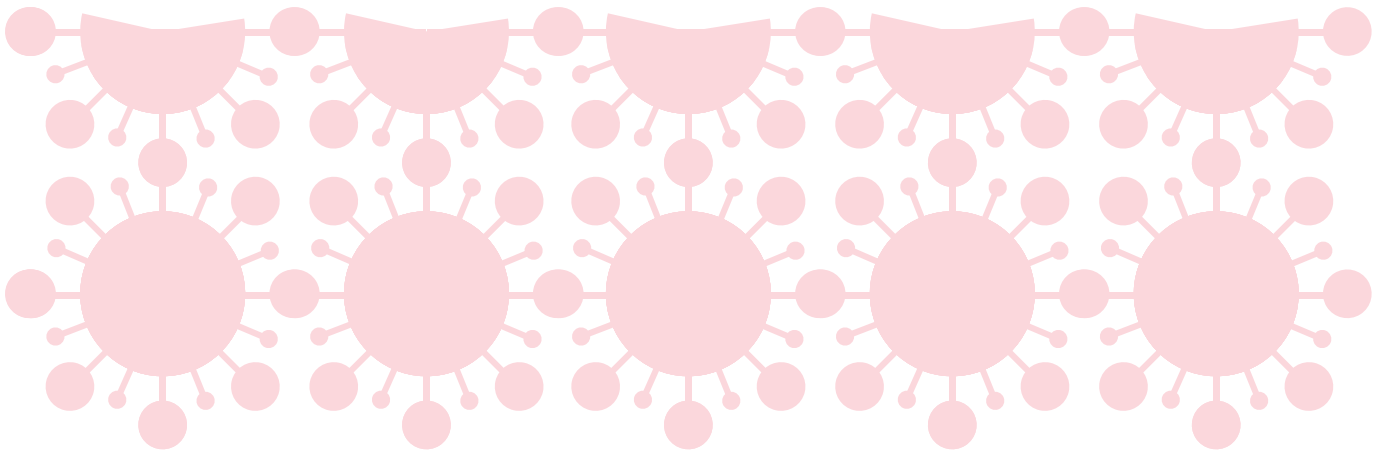
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COVID Conversations

Tashkeel group exhibition

8 December 2020 – 5 January 2021
Tashkeel Nad Al Sheba

Submission Deadline:
10pm, Friday 23 October 2020



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Tashkeel invites UAE-based artists and designers to submit works that reflect upon the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. By focusing on creative acts that seek to explore, understand and process responses and reactions to the pandemic, the exhibition aims to examine the highs and the lows of the psychological impact, and creativity borne from the challenges of limitation, isolation and change, whether positive or negative.

Applications are welcome from visual artists of all disciplines, graphic designers, product designers and other creatives who wish to propose finished works, experimental outcomes and research in a range of mediums realised during the period since March 2020, when restrictions on movement and engagement were first introduced. Collaborative works are also welcome.

Submissions may address or explore areas including but not limited to:

- Expression of experiences relating to isolation, restriction and change
- Explorations that have led to transformational thoughts and outcomes in arts practice
- Documentation of personal journeys during the pandemic
- Adaptation of one's own practice to the 'New Normal'
- Introspective explorations of personal well-being and health
- Reflections resulting from the pandemic and its impact
- Responses to changing social and cultural practices affected by COVID

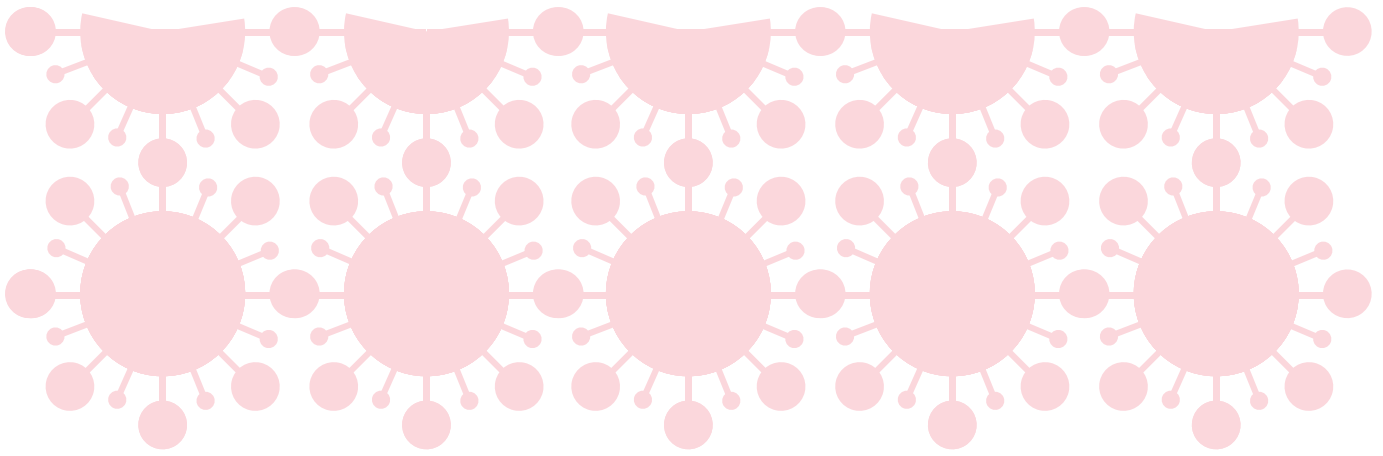
'COVID Conversations' will be accompanied by a programme of talks, tours and workshops during the exhibition period, which will be delivered both online and at Tashkeel (Nad Al Sheba) subject to social distancing measures.

Submission deadline: Friday, 23 October, 10pm

Shortlisted notified by: Thursday, 29 October

Delivery of works: Sunday, 15 to Saturday, 21 November (excl. Friday)

Exhibition begins: Tuesday, 8 December



Submission Guidelines:

- Solo and group submissions are welcome from UAE-based artists and designers of finished works, experimental outcomes and research in a range of mediums realised during the period since March 2020.
- Submissions must be original and entirely the work of the applicant(s).
- Previously publicly exhibited works will not be accepted.
- A completed application form and hi-res images must be submitted no later than 10pm, Friday 23 October 2020.
- If applicable, selected applicants will be responsible for the framing/mounting of works before delivering them to Tashkeel.
- For 3D works accepted, installation instructions illustrated with two or more images will be required.
- Images of submitted works should be high resolution, JPEG or TIFF, video works at least 720 x 576 PAL or 720 x 480 NTSC; audio works (wav or aiff) should be submitted via Wetransfer.com
- The completed application form and images should be sent by email to submission@tashkeel.org under the subject of 'COVID Conversations: [YOUR NAME]' by 10pm, Friday 23 October 2020.
- Selected applicants will be notified by email by 29 October 2020.
- Selected applicants are required to deliver works to Tashkeel Nad Al Sheba between Sunday 15 November and Saturday 22 November 2020 during Tashkeel opening hours (10am – 8pm, excluding Friday). Late deliveries may not be considered.
- Tashkeel reserves the right to decline to exhibit works after delivery.

Application Form

First name (and preferred equivalent in Arabic if known)	Last name (and preferred equivalent in Arabic if known)
Mobile	Email
Website	Social Media (FB/Twitter/Instagram)

Biography

(If selected, this will be published in the catalogue and may be used for promotional purposes)

Proposed work(s)

Title	Materials	Dimensions (cm)	Year
<p>Description of the work and how it relates to the exhibition theme <i>(If selected, this will be published in the catalogue and used for marketing purposes)</i></p>			
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Installation

Do any of the works have specific installation requirements? If yes, please state.

Optional – Propose a workshop or activity

We are eager to develop an activation programme to run alongside 'COVID Conversations'. Please give an outline of what you propose to offer. This could be a workshop, talk or presentation in relation to your practice and could be aimed at adults and/or young people. Please specify whether you are able to deliver activities online (live or recorded) or at Tashkeel subject to social distancing measures.

Description of proposed activity

Live online

Recorded online

At Tashkeel (*for delivery at Tashkeel Nad Al Sheba, please list the materials/equipment you would need, and note that the maximum capacity of participants is five subject to social distancing measures*)

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Signature _____ Date _____