

ELITSA MATEVA BIO

Elitsa is an autodidact performance artist exploring the emotive power of organic movement and authentic expression. She looks for new ways to interact with spaces, the environment and with each other through imagination and awareness. Her endeavour is to enhance responsive and responsible interpersonal relations for self-empowerment and cooperation.

She finished her higher education at University of Utrecht, the Netherlands, with a B.A. (cum laude) in psychology and international politics and a M.A. (cum laude) in Conflict Studies and Human Rights in 2010. The focus of her studies was on methods of influence and structures of cooperation. One of her semesters was at Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia, where she studied international terrorism and creative writing.

In 2012 she worked at the Hague Center for Strategic Studies where she did research, report writing, data collection and analyses. In 2014 Mateva was an intern at the Britain Israel Communication & Research Center in London where she worked with classified documents and did social media data analysis. She was also a part of the creative agency Rational International, leading social media campaigns, developing marketing and video production between 2012-2015 in Zagreb, Croatia.

For the past 7 years Elitsa has been a performance artist. In her creative work she explores practices of awareness, authentic expression and interaction. She looks for new languages that stimulate and reflect the evolution of consciousness and human inter-connectivity. Her endeavor is to find the application of these skills in building new social connections for cooperative empowerment. She has performed during Sofia Art Week 2019, at Hash Award 2020, in ZKM Karlsruhe, and at Transmediale Festival 2020 in HKW and Berghain, Berlin.

She is a certified coach in Emotional Intelligence since 2018 and has assisted during training courses in 2021.