

DEMANDS OF THE MOVEMENT FOR INDEPENDENT CULTURE

On behalf of the artistic community, organisers, educators, and all those who have a stake in the future of Polish culture, we call for:

1. The establishment of a statutory Civic Council for Culture, made up of representatives of the arts community and cultural organisers from throughout Poland, to be elected in an open and transparent manner. The Council shall give its opinions on the cultural policy and the educational activities of the state.
2. Introducing the requirement that candidates for the position of Minister of Culture and National Heritage be approved by the Civic Council for Culture.
3. The creation, at the local government level, of a facility for civic funding and the allocation of resources to be spent on culture, regulated in a similar manner to that of public benefit organisations and the participatory budgeting process.
4. Improving genuine access to culture and cultural activities for everyone, regardless of their social and economic status or place of residence, especially for children, young people, the elderly, and vulnerable groups.
5. Bringing back cultural education in the public school system, not just as a means of acquainting Polish students with their heritage, but also to teach them how to participate in contemporary culture.
6. Restoring the public mission of state-run media, namely: to satisfy and develop the cultural needs of an open and modern society, in keeping with the Civic Covenant for Public Media.
7. Guaranteeing the autonomy and independence of cultural institutions, public and non-public alike, with special emphasis on transparency as regards the appointment of top personnel, and the funding and evaluation of programmes.
8. Introducing a ban on censorship in any form whatsoever: institutional, preventive, economic, legal, repressive, internal, political, religious or ideological.