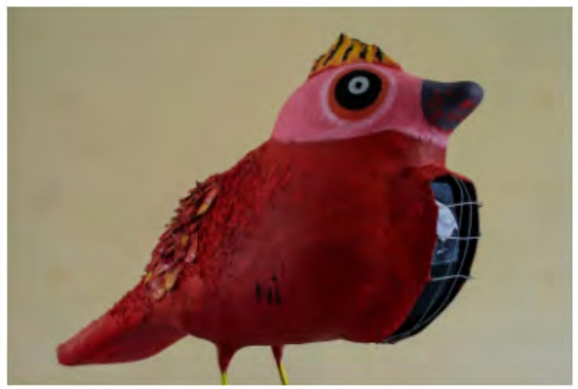

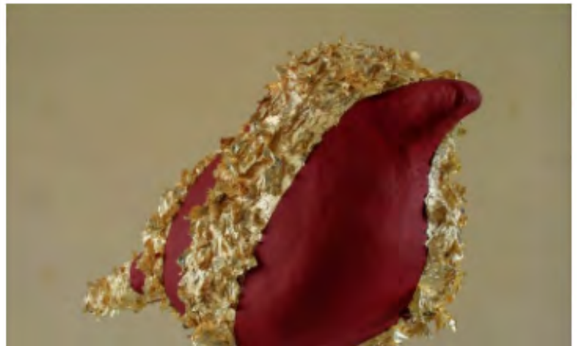

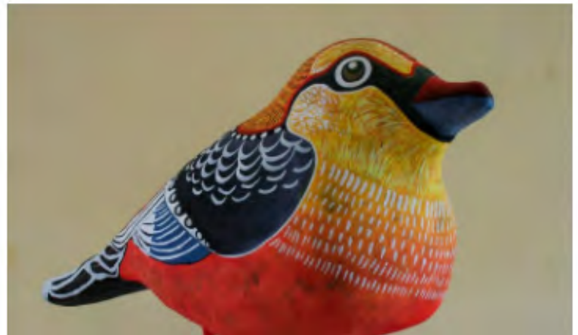

THE BIRDS

about

THE BIRDS were inspired by Fereniki Tsamparli and implemented by IDEA team during THE ISLAND OF LOVE festival in Lesvos Island, Greece, on February 2017.

14 bird sculptures were designed and made with recycled materials (mostly plastic parts of lifejackets found at Lesvos' shores during the refugee crisis and paper pulp) by IDEA's creative team.

During the festival 14 artists came to Lesvos and used the sculptures as a blank canvas to create their exceptional artwork! A 15th artwork titled "Love is Multicolored" was created by Greek students, students of Mytilene's special school and refugee children.

Now, a few months after the festival, THE BIRDS have a "mission"! Having Lesvos Island as their base, they will fly to different locations all over the world. They will become the bridges, which connect different cities, cultures and people through a global language: Art!

THE BIRDS will become symbols of unity, solidarity, collaboration and peaceful coexistence!

Supported by CHANGEMAKERS LAB, our goal is to have THE BIRDS placed in several cities around the world, until the end of October 2018. The cities and the specific locations will be chosen depending on their relevance with the specific artwork, what that's symbolizes and the message the artist would like to send through his/her work.

the first flight

The "Love is multicolored" was the artwork which left Lesvos on October 2017.

It traveled to Geneva, at CERN, where it was exhibited during THE Port's Humanitarian Hackathon, where students from the University of the Aegean had also participated.

Organised by THE Port Association, hosted by IdeaSquare, CERN with partners from other non-governmental organisations, this three-day problem solving workshop hackathon was devoted to humanitarian, social and public interest topics. Interdisciplinary teams of selected participants worked together in the fields of: communication - transport - health - science - learning - culture - data.

More at: www.thebirds.gr/the-first-flight

the island of love

THE ISLAND OF LOVE festival was organized on the occasion of the hosting of relics of Saint Valentine in the Catholic Church of Virgin Mary "Metastasis" in Mytilene and the international celebration of the same Saint on February.

We had the concept of "Love" as a beginning of a journey to Lesvos' different art aspects, aiming to promote the island's cultural identity and to position it as a new "home" for contemporary art.

During the festival we organized a main artistic action, with the participation of distinguished Greek – mainly – artists, and a series of parallel events.

"The Birds" and the concept of "Love" and "Solidarity" was our main theme at the main action and any other parallel event.

During THE ISLAND OF LOVE festival artwork created by Christos Kechagioglou and members of his "project Ni" team (Panos Koufos, Maria Charatsari, Sotiria Smirneou, Eleanna Bozini, Kostas Lavdas and Alexandros Bourlis), Christos Efstathiou, Dionysis Christofilogiannis, Dimitris Antonitsis, James M. Lane, Eva Mitala and Felipe Katotriotis, Nicolas Vamvouklis and Yohannes, a refugee from Eritrea, who was living on Lesvos.

THE ISLAND OF LOVE tried to approach the multidimensional concept of "Love" through all its forms of expression, emphasizing also to the human links regardless their relationship, ethnicity, religion, culture, choices.

www.islandoflove.eu

idea team

IDEA non profit team of volunteers was formed on 2015 aiming to promote Culture and Education on Lesvos Island, Greece.

In addition to THE ISLAND OF LOVE festival, IDEA team is the organizer of cultural and educational events, like TEDxLesvos (2015, 2016, 2017) and European Film Days movie festival (2017).

It is also the supporter of several events and actions, like "Music from Greece and Europe" live concert for the support of Mytilene's Music School, "Paketo Vrisa" action for the children of Vrisa, Stavros and Lisvori villages, which were hit by an earthquake on June 2017, and the Open Lesvos architecture tours in Mytilene's Mansions on October 2017.

www.idea2actions.gr

changemakers lab

CHANGEMAKERS LAB is a platform which in the medium term aims to form a sustainable innovation and entrepreneurship environment on Lesvos Island, Greece. Furthermore it aims to create an enabling environment through which locals and refugees can co-create self sustainable solutions, stimulating integration and local economic development.

To this purpose CHANGEMAKERS LAB attends several hackathons and events in Greece and abroad and it has already run an incubation program with the University of the Aegean and organized several events like Startup Weekend Lesvos, Changemakers Summit and its pre-event workshops on May 9th (Europe Day) with speakers who came to Lesvos from arround the world and Refugee Code Week seminars.

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