

# Bolo Klub

Do you have a concept in mind for an enchanting children's picture book?  
Or are you ready to take on the exciting task of creating one?

**Andiamo!  
Bologna 2025**

Well, the moment is here!  
...or perhaps it's just around the corner.  
However, don't postpone it for too long!  
...Become a part of the  
Bolo Klub today!



## Project

It is a long path from an initial creative concept to the final concretization and publication of a picture book. To help you along this journey, the Bolo Klub organises exchanges between peers, where you have the opportunity to meet experienced authors and illustrators, as well as networking with publishers and other professionals. The Bolo Klub aims to create a self-supportive community for the development of high-quality picture books by connecting experienced professionals with (a new generation) of motivated illustrators.

Five renowned Swiss illustrators and authors will mentor eight emerging illustrators for a year as they develop their picture book projects. New this year we also open our application for children's-comics projects. The program starts with a kick-off workshop in March 2024 and concludes with a visit to the Bologna Children's Book Fair in April 2025, where all participants will present one completed storyboard and five original pieces.

## Partners

The Bolo Klub is a sustainable mentoring project driven by former participants. Our goal is to support quiet, loud, brave, honest, fantastic, and simply wonderful picture book projects. The Bolo Klub is supported by numerous partners from the creative industries. The Bolo Klub actively works with publishers, institutions, associations, as well as established illustrators to provide you with the support you need to realise your project.

## Target Group

The project is aimed at Swiss illustrators or individuals living in Switzerland who aspire to professionalise their skills in the field of visual storytelling through children's picture books and children's comics. A background in visual arts or illustration is required. Typically, the illustrators have not yet published any (or at most one) picture book.

## Language

Because the Bolo Klub is a nationally funded project that supports illustrators in Switzerland of various linguistic regions, English is used for internal communication and at interregional events. A good level of English is required to participate in the project!

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## Key Dates

Please note that all participant commitments below are mandatory:

2024

Application deadline

14th of January

Notification of acceptance

February

Kickoff event

30th & 31st of March

Workshop Storyboard

April

Workshop Text

May

Workshop Layout & Typography

June

Individual Text Mentorship

July & August

Workshop Dummy

September

Publisher Meeting

September – December

2025

Showtime in Bologna

April

## Mentors

The mentors for the program

2024/2025 are:

Frenci Sanna

Taltal Levi

Maeva Rubli

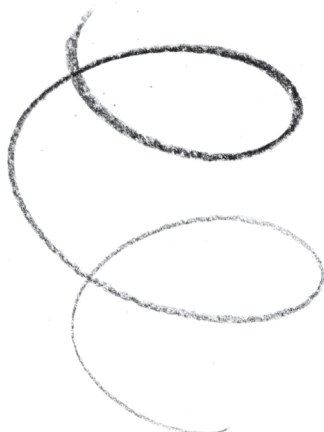
Milly Miljkovic

Camille Vallotton

Writing menorate:

Flurina Badel

Katja Alves



## Selection Criteria

A jury of professionals will select the eight project participants.

Participants will be chosen based on the following criteria:

- Motivation
- Innovative approach to content or form
- Personal visual language
- Range of projects within the group
- Focus on children as a target audience
- Representation of linguistic regions

## Cost

The application process is free. After being accepted into the project, the eight participants will each be charged CHF 500 to cover project expenses including the trip to Bologna (travel and accommodation). The cost of materials and excursions within Switzerland are not covered.

## Amici

Would you like to be involved with the Bolo Klub without joining the core group? Then be part of the amici, we will inform you by e-mail about the jour fixe dates where you can come according as you wish!

The Bolo Klub's jour fixe meetings provide a platform for picture book illustrators to exchange ideas. Jour fixe are open to Bolo members and amici. They take place every two months, each time in a different location across Switzerland's linguistic regions.

Anyone who attends can present a work in progress and receive feedback from the group.

If you are interested in being part of the amici group, just fill out the application form, tick the box marked "amici" and send it back to us.

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## Application

Please e-mail us the following documents by **January 14, 2024**:

1. A completed and signed  
→ application form
2. In a PDF, short motivation letter about your book idea included
  - a short description of the project (up to 1500 characters)
  - a mini-storyboard
  - 2–3 sample illustrations (with notes on how they were made)
  - short curriculum vitae and mention of possible publications

## Questions?

→ [hoi@boloklub.ch](mailto:hoi@boloklub.ch)

## Co-direction

Dale Forbes Molina & Carla Haslbauer

## Finances

Vanessa Hatzky

## Jour Fixe

Deborah Senn

## For more informations

→ [www.boloklub.ch](http://www.boloklub.ch)

→ Instagram: [@boloklub](https://www.instagram.com/boloklub)

→ Facebook: [boloklub.ch](https://www.facebook.com/boloklub.ch)

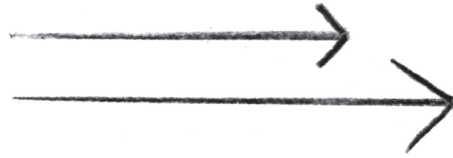
*Let's do it!*



Applications can be submitted in German, French, Italian or English.

Nevertheless, please include an English translation of your story.

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**Andiamo!  
Bologna 2025**

## → Application Form

Deadline: January 14, 2024

**First Name | Last Name**

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**Street | No.**

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**Postal Code | City**

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**Telephone No.**

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**Email Address**

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**Website Address**

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**Education**

name of school and study program, year of graduation

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**Mother tongue**

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**Other languages**

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**English level**

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I'm signing in as:  Member of Bolo Klub 2024/2025  Amici

### Commitment

I will actively develop my book project in the group. By march 2025, I will have completed a book mock-up for presentation and at least five original illustrations. I will invest the time needed to do this. I will attend all meetings and excuse myself in advance if I am ill or truly unable to attend an event. I will not give up. I will do my best to share my process and content on the Bolo Klub social media. I kindly allow all work I produce during the project and all photos taken for documentation purposes to be exhibited.\* Naturally, all rights to my work belong to and remain with me.

\* To be used only for exhibitions or marketing purposes.  
This applies only to members of the core group and not to amici.

**Date:**

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**Signature:**

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