

Bolo Klub

Andiamo!
Bologna 2021

Project

The Bolo Klub for young illustrators supports an emerging generation of picture-book artists in Switzerland. Over the course of a year, four established illustrators and authors from throughout Switzerland mentor eight aspiring illustrators and help each develop an illustrated book. The Bolo Klub enables participants to exchange ideas and input, provides networking opportunities with professionals from the publishing world, and sets deadlines for completing a book. The project year will begin with a kickoff workshop in March 2020 and culminate in a visit to the Bologna Children's Book Fair in April 2021, where all project participants will present a finished storyboard and five original illustrations.

Target Group

The Bolo Klub is aimed at Swiss illustrators and illustrators living in Switzerland who aspire to work professionally in the area of visual storytelling through children's books. Applicants must have completed formal training on design fundamentals in the visual arts or illustration. Generally, participants have not yet published a picture book (or just one).

Partners

A project of the Fokus Illustration association, the Bolo Klub is also supported by numerous key players in the professional illustrated book community—including publishers, institutions, and other associations.

Language

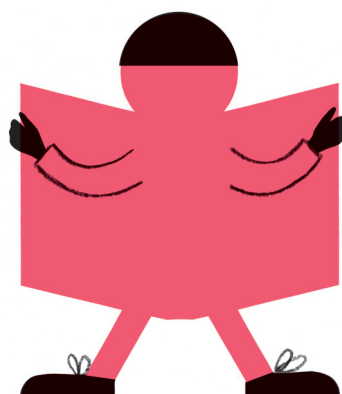
Because the Bolo Klub is a nationally funded project that supports young illustrators in Switzerland's various linguistic regions, English is used for internal communication and at interregional events.

Do you have an idea for an illustrated children's picture book? Or are you up for the challenge of making one?

just let's do it!
NOW

Then now's the time!

When you have the time ... Or when you think you might have time ... But don't wait too long!



...Join the Bolo Klub!

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Key Dates

Please note that all participant commitments below are mandatory:

	2020
Application deadline	
January 31	
Notification of application results	
March 2	
Kickoff event	
March 21	
Feedback event at Atlantis Verlag	
October 17	
	2021
Main event in Bologna	
End of March/beginning of April	
Feedback session	
May 22	

Mentors

The four mentors for 2020/2021 are: Adrienne Barman, Vera Eggermann, Daniel Fehr, and Francesca Sanna.

Selection Criteria

A jury of professionals will select and notify the eight project participants by the beginning of March.

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 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).

Bolo Klub – Jour fixe

The Bolo Klub's jour fixe meetings provide a platform for picture book illustrators to exchange ideas. Jour fixe are open to the Bolo Klub's core group and amici and 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. Jour fixe dates are posted in the "Program" section of the Bolo Klub's website (→ www.boloklub.ch).

Amici

Would you like to be involved with the Bolo Klub without joining the core group? Then become an amico or amica and attend any (or all) of our jour fixe meetings. Just fill out the application form, tick the box marked "An amico/amica", and send it back to us.

Application

Please email us the following documents by January 31, 2020:

1. A completed and signed → application form
2. A brief statement on your book concept, including:
 - a brief outline of the text or a mini storyboard
 - a few sketches
 - 2–3 sample illustrations (with notes on how they were made)

Questions?

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→ Application Form

Deadline: January 31, 2020

First Name | Last Name

Street | No.

Postal Code | City

Telephone No.

Email Address

Website Address

Studies | Year Completed

I would like to be: A Bolo Klub participant An amico | amica

Commitment

I will actively develop my book project in the group. By April 2021, 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—regardless of the personal cost involved. 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 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:

Signature:
