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Summer Exhibition

**Alphabet of Life – Learning Workshop: Nature**

23 June 2018 – 6 October 2018

**Opening**

**22 June 7:00 pm**

**Werkraumhaus, Andelsbuch**

Curators

**Elisabeth Kopf** (project designer) and **Regina Rowland** (biomimicry expert)

Scientists-at-the-design Table

**Timo Kopf** (zoologist), **Christian Rammel** (ecologist), **Birgit Gschweidl** (botanist), and

**Ulli Kammerzell** (forest & wood management)

## **Alphabet of Life**

### **Learning Workshop: Nature**

The Alphabet of Life is an exhibition conceived as a nature trail and research project on the theme of nature-inspired crafts, design and innovation. Regardless of the kind of task, the core question about nature-inspired design processes is always: how does nature solve it? Biologists, ecologists and other experts who know and love nature are partners in the design team. Knowledge-sharing — through imitating nature – will thus enable life-sustaining and economically sensible design solutions and innovations.

The exhibition presents a pre-eminent method of imitating nature in crafts and in design: biomimicry. A central element of this approach are the “26 life principles” – the patterns and strategies of nature described by scientists, which have stood the test of time for more than 3.8 billion years of evolution.

The exhibition shows actual examples of nature-inspired projects with a key focus on a vision of a responsible and sensitive co-existence with all forms of life that exists on planet Earth. Accompanying the exhibition, the “A.de.Le Learning Workshop” offers a versatile programme – an opportunity for visitors who are interested to take part in the research and exploration of nature and to gain inspiration and encouragement to try this out themselves in their own professional practice.

Partners cooperating in the exhibition project include amongst others inatura, the Nagelfluhkette Nature Park and the designforum Vorarlberg.

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