

# COMPUTALA AR Bootcamp Residency

New Media Art Club's artist bootcamp residencies are intensive, short-term programs designed to help artists rapidly develop their skills, ideas, and professional practices. Typically spanning a few days, these residencies offer structured workshops, mentorship, and collaborative projects, culminating in an exhibition.

This time we focused on Augmented Reality (AR). With three places available, this intensive program offered mentorship from artist Nicholas Delap in tools like Unity and Blender to create a new AR-focused work for the COMPUTALA Digital Art Season exhibition. Find out more: [newmediaart.club](http://newmediaart.club)



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## Hogweed Invasion

This AR experience is based on a research project into Giant Hogweed plants and their intelligence. These plants are known to be dangerous for humans because of their photosensitive sap that causes burns when exposed to

human skin. The plants are also notoriously invasive and known to take over other species of plants. They bloom once in their life, after having accumulated enough starch, and then release hundreds of seeds. These seeds might hibernate in the ground for up to 5 years before propagating and more mature plants usually look after them. This AR experience is a Giant Hogweed invasion of the exhibition space.

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