

PHOTOWALKS WITH DALKIA

Photo walks are walking tours around unique places in Łódź. They have been organised for several years as events accompanying Fotofestiwal. Each photo walk is led by a guide who speaks about the visited places and a photographer who provides advice on how to take a great photo and what is worth your attention when taking photos of urban space.

During the 11th International Festival of Photography you may take part in the project called **Photowalking with Dalkia. Time of Energy - CHP Plant 2**. This time we will take you to a place that is quite unique and usually inaccessible to most people: the Combined Heat and Power Plant No. 2 in 26 Wróblewskiego Street. The participants will be able to see the plant's extraordinary industrial architecture. The construction of the plant started in 1955. Today the plant provides heat and hot water to inhabitants of the Retkinia and Karolew housing developments and businesses located in that area. The photo walks will be one of very few and last opportunities to see the CHP Plant 2 because it is scheduled to be decommissioned in 2015. So, the project is quite unusual.

In 2010, Fotofestiwal, in partnership with Dalkia Łódź, started working on restoring a recently discovered collection of photos documenting the construction of the first power plant in Łódź (CHP Plant 1) and the history of the city. The project resulted in the exhibition entitled ["Energy of Time. Dalkia's Archive"](#). Most of the photos presented in the exhibition were taken by Wiktor Jekimenko, a photographer working in Łódź. The photos form a comprehensive and consistent record of construction and operation of the power plant with portraits of the plant's employees and views of Łódź from the beginning of the 20th century.

Photowalking with Dalkia is the first part of the long-term project called "Energy of Time. Dalkia's Archive. CHP Plant 2". The aim of the project is to create artistic record of the last years of operation of the CHP Plant 2. The project is designed to repeat the activity of Wiktor Jekimenko who documented the construction and operation of the first power plant in Łódź for many years. His work was an inspiration to document the last years of CHP Plant 2 and lives of their employees in a similar way. The project will culminate in an exhibition during the International Festival of Photography in 2013.

Venue:

CHP Plant 2, 26 Wróblewskiego Street, Łódź

Dates:

19.05.2012, Saturday

12.00-13.30 – first group

14.00-15.30 – second group

20.05.2012, Sunday

12.00-13.30 – first group

14.00-15.30 – second group

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