

Kaospilot Application 2026 Creative Assignment:

What moves you? From inspiration to action.

Welcome to the creative element of your Kaospilot application.

Here's your opportunity to show us what inspires you and how you connect with the world around you. We want to meet the real you through what moves you, what you care about, how these things connect, and how you bring them to life.

This matters because it helps us understand how you see the world, how you make meaning, and how you might contribute as part of a learning community.

A note on being creative

Creativity at Kaospilot takes many forms: bringing new approaches into being, seeing how things connect, problem-solving, building, prototyping, and artistic expression. We value the insight and the "spark" behind your work - regardless of the medium you choose.

The assignment

This assignment has three parts: gather what inspires you, make sense of it, and create something to share.

It's simpler than it might sound. There's no right way to do this: it's about sharing what's real for you, not trying to impress us.

Part 1: gather your inspirations

Inspiration is the spark for hope, for belonging, and for imagining what could be. It connects us to something larger and unlocks our vision of what is possible. Each of us is drawn to different things for different reasons.

Think of things that genuinely matter to you, for example:

- An organization or community doing meaningful work (*creating alternatives, solving problems, building systems that work differently at any scale, in any field*)
- A project or initiative that excites you (*Something happening anywhere in the world that makes you think "yes, this is how we move forward!"*)
- A person who influences your thinking (*Someone whose approach to building, creating, or changing things resonates with you and helps you see new possibilities for the world.*)

You don't need to choose from all three areas - pick what genuinely calls to you or think of one of your own. But exploring at least two different areas often reveals interesting connections.

Part 2: make sense of your choices

Before you start connecting the dots, spend a moment with your inspirations:

- **Reflect:** When did each come into your life? What was happening for you then?
- **Feel:** Do they energize, challenge, or move you? Where do you feel that?
- **Dig deeper:** What challenges or possibilities do these inspirations help you see? What would they make possible?
- **Connect:** What do these inspirations have in common? What stories do they hold about what matters to you?
- **Wonder:** What else might be here that you haven't seen yet?

Take notes if it helps, but most importantly notice what comes up. Focus on what's pulling at you most.

Part 3: create something

Now take all of that and create something to inspire and bring *others* to action.

It could be an initiative, an intervention, a new entrepreneurial idea, activism, or artistic expression. You can share it through a visual, written document, audio recording, or short video; whatever feels right for what you want to share.

It can be a finished piece, a functional prototype, or a bold idea. It doesn't need to be 'actualized' or launched yet.

The focus isn't "how do I show it?" but "how can it move someone else to act?"

You can think of a future teammate, a team you're building, a community you're part of, or people that can join you in creating something in the world. It should spark something: not just appreciation, but momentum toward action or change.

Submitting

You can share your video, written documents, visual, or the like in the application Typeform by providing a link to it (like a website, Google Doc, file hosting service, etc.).

Keep it brief:

- Video/audio: max 3 minutes
- Written: max 500 words
- Visual: one page (plus optional 150-word context)

With your submission you must include an overview explaining who it is for, the "why" behind your work, and how you got to it.

A note on being yourself

We've received beautiful applications featuring everything from creative projects to grassroots activism, from community organizing to open-source platforms, from startup ventures to circular economy projects. Students who thrive at Kaospilot are those who dare to bring their whole selves, not just the parts they think we want to see.

This assignment isn't a test with correct answers. It's an invitation to show us the world through your eyes and help us understand what will emerge when your inspirations meet ours.

A note on privacy and your submission

We respect your privacy and the effort you put into your application. All submissions are treated as confidential and are accessed only by members of the admissions team. Any personal stories, images, or sensitive creative work you choose to share will be used solely to support your application to Kaospilot and will not be shared outside of the assessment process.

Submitted materials are securely stored and will be deleted after the admissions process concludes. Our handling of your information complies with all applicable data protection regulations, including GDPR.

If you have concerns about sharing a particular detail, you can contact us to discuss alternative formats or confidentiality options.