**Aspect of freedom in maternity**

In a time of advanced communication and media, getting the information you’re interested in is simpler than ever before. Nowadays television, Internet, and newspapers are constantly present in our lives. Often it’s hard to see the downside. The starting point of our project was to show how young mothers are presented in the media. As you know the media is not always objective, they tend to be directed to a particular group of recipients. That’s the reason why they present extreme examples of motherhood; they focus on celebrity mothers or some kind of dysfunctional family drama. The media is lacking everyday examples of normal mothers occupied with reality. The mothers we portray here don’t strictly adhere to the stereotypical view of maternity. This is the main focus behind our project: to touch upon the subject of freedom and maternity. This subject is close to our hearts. At a certain point every woman is faced with her own identity as a mother and the choice to follow the calling or ignore it. Sooner or later every woman is confronted with the thought of maternity. Our hope is to seek good examples among everyday women; women who actually have something to say on the subject as they’ve already become mothers. For us, these women set an example worth following; their thoughts and experience are more valuable than any guidebook. In the midst of all this information it’s good to listen to clever, normal people as the example they set is most certainly closer to our own lives. And it may be useful when confronted with our own perception of freedom in maternity.

The project consists of six modules, each one tells a story of a different woman. The photographs were taken in the privacy of their homes which allows us to get to know their surroundings. Texts which we present are summaries of their statements about freedom and maternity. The project as a whole may be viewed as an image of young mothers between 25 and 30 who live in south of Poland. It is not a sociological study. We are trying to voice our beliefs about maternity by means of art.