

Appendix 21_OS The Mutual Assembly

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The Mutual are currently making preparations for an open resource week, The Mutual Assembly, which will launch on Sunday 17th of April at our gallery on Miller street. The basic objective of the project is to transform the exhibition space from gallery structure into a flexible platform that facilitates free choices and independent agency for critique and creativity.

Throughout the week the space could act as a library of artists books, essays and writing, for which The Mutual are looking for submissions. There will also be a library of books you have found useful, inspirational, books you've loved, and books you've hated....If you'd like to loan us a copy that would be brilliant, but we have ways an means of procuring the books if you'd just like to suggest titles.

The space will hopefully act as a resource for people to use for inspiration / thought / interaction. The space itself is also open as a free resource to host anything you like; discussion, durational projects, collaborations, performance, music, events, talks, discussions, interventions, readings, workshops, screenings...

This proposal has started a dialogue between Open School and The Mutual. What can we (as individuals, as organisations of individuals or collectives) learn from sharing processes, and exploring other ways of working collaboratively.

What is the nature of the resource room? What can the notion of Assembly bring to such a place? What is the relationship between libraries and art practices? What tensions arise from ideals of infinite knowledge? Is this a project about access to resources and the strength of communities? Can such a space function as a temporary space?

These questions are offered for response, expansion, rejection, and other verbs.
Everyone is invited to respond to the ideas/notions presented by the proposal - as well as to propose specific events that could take place during the exhibition.

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