

EXERCISES ON ADHOCRACY

Date: July 10–16

Venue: Former space of *Rael Artel Gallery: Non-Profit Project Space*
Lõuna Street 20, Pärnu, Estonia.

A summer camp focusing on self-organisation and grass-roots democracy in the context of contemporary art and transforming civil society.

Exercises on Adhocracy is a one-week summer camp gathering self-organised initiatives from the field of contemporary art to meet and work in Pärnu, developing ideas on independency and autonomy, collaborative work and collectivity, counter-publicity and alternative economic structures. *Exercises on Adhocracy* examines the possibilities for cultural and political autonomy in contemporary society from the perspective of independent art initiatives who have developed their practice in a specific place and context.

The term 'adhocracy' is a portmanteau of the Latin *ad hoc*, meaning 'for this purpose', and the suffix *-cracy*, from the Greek *cratein*, meaning 'to govern'. In its essence, adhocracy is a mode of social organisation that relies on non-hierarchical and decentralised power relations. The workshop takes place in Pärnu, a place that holds a special position in the cultural landscape of Estonia, thanks to a variety of self-organised initiatives.

Participating initiatives: ARTISHOK (web-blog for art criticism), Tallinn; K@2 (independent culture and information centre), Liepaja; PRELOM (journal for images and politics), Belgrade; SEKCJA (internet art magazine), Warsaw; SWOP NETWORK (artist's network), Aarhus.

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Exercises on Adhocracy is the third event in the series of *Public Preparation* project: the public preparation phase for the upcoming *Biennale of Young Artists* in Tallinn in October 2007. *Public Preparation* is a sequence of informal encounters which at the same time constitutes the publicly visible preparation process of the *Biennale* as well as the course of preparing and educating the public for the *Biennale*.

Exercises on Adhocracy is organised by Rael Artel and Airi Triisberg.

The workshop language is English.

Low-comfort accommodation will be provided for free.

PLEASE REGISTER at [publicpreparation\(a\)gmail.com](mailto:publicpreparation(a)gmail.com).

The time schedule and workshop descriptions will be published at www.biennaleofyoungartists.org.

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