



## **Economies, Capacities, and Topologies - The Role of Self-Organising Spaces**

**A.G.E. 2025 February 13th-17th**

Given our current capacities we've had to delay this year's Annual General Exchange till February 2025. We will make a full announcement about this soon but for now are asking people to Save The Date.

This year we hope to slightly shift the AGE format and welcome in the first of what we are thinking of as Substrate Meetings where we approach the gathering as a concentrated work period that seeds an ongoing conversation which we hope to develop into a working group invested in thinking with and through BOARC as it moves into its next phase of development.

Whilst AGE has always looked to infuse infrastructure with practice and had occasions for deep work to be done, we've found that the team running the project can't constructively participate as the programme emerges as we are busy facilitating, holding space, cooking, tech-ing, doing childcare or palliative support etc. While still thinking with the expertise of our community this year we plan to keep things lighter so we can create more space to address BOARC's current needs.

We will be focusing explicitly on the project's infrastructure and issues effecting autonomous and DIY spaces whilst taking a wider world view so we can collectively deliberate how to move the project forward. We are asking that users invested in critical thinking and self-organisation, in what ever field, come and informally share the findings of their research practice and projects, if they feel it could inform the wider group discussion. The first three days will each address a particular thematic as it relates to BOARC's purpose and wider world.

*Economies: Alternative structures, radical breaks and the para-academic necessity.*

*Capacities: Systems of group welfare, healing and community support*

*Topologies: The global condition, networks of resistance and world building.*

On the fourth day we will look to pull strands together into plans for the future. The fifth day we will begin to structure and implement these plans.

We really hope you can make it. We know there is so much incredible thinking happening in the space and seeing how our users intervene in the world gives us such hope! Please get in touch if you've something to offer in, we are thinking of a very informal presentation format

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