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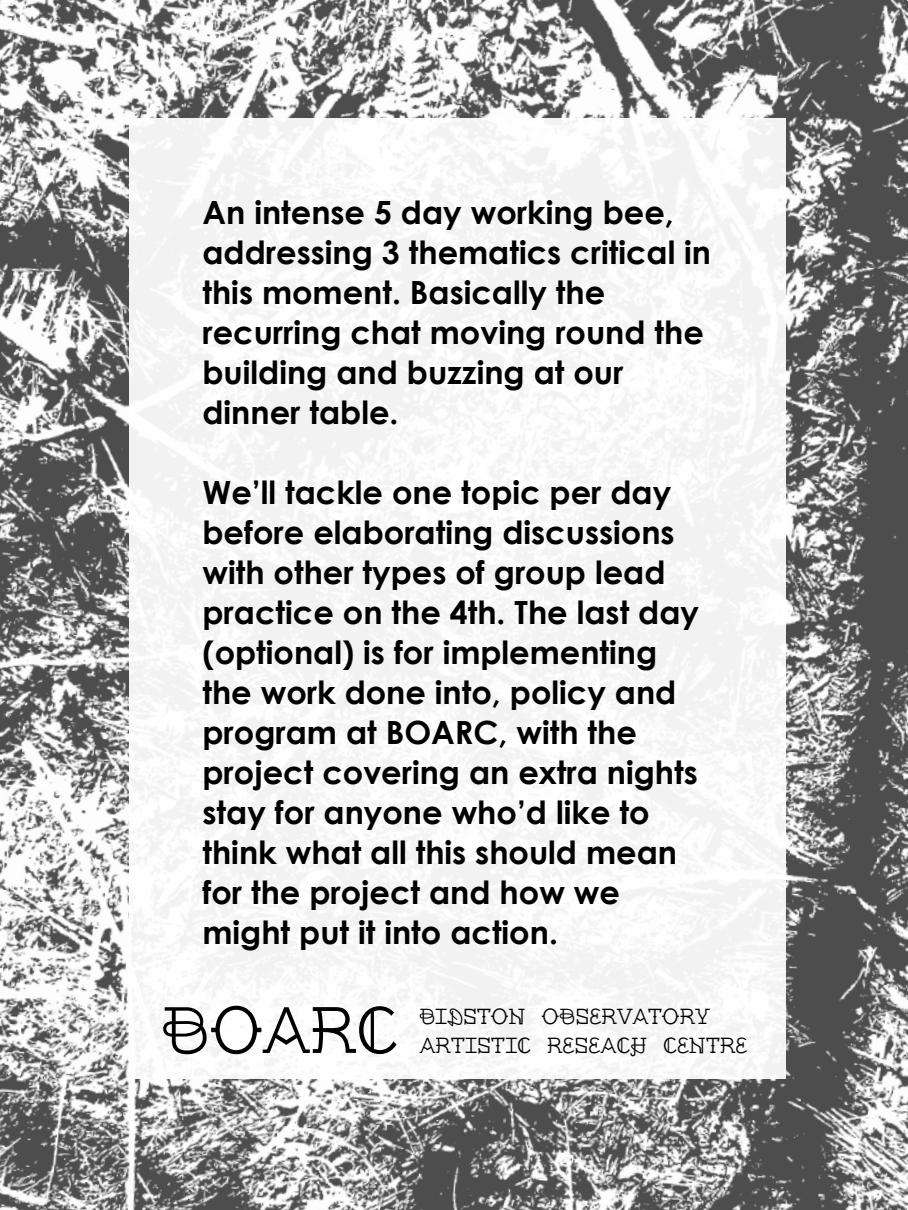
BOARC

5-8/9 Nov

ANNUAL
GENERAL
EXCHANGE

ECONOMIES, CAPACITIES, TOPOLOGIES
5 days of collective investigation into DIY
organising and arts activism now.

BIDSTON OBSERVATORY ARTISTIC
RESEARCH CENTRE, MERSEYSIDE, UK



**An intense 5 day working bee,
addressing 3 thematics critical in
this moment. Basically the
recurring chat moving round the
building and buzzing at our
dinner table.**

**We'll tackle one topic per day
before elaborating discussions
with other types of group lead
practice on the 4th. The last day
(optional) is for implementing
the work done into, policy and
program at BOARC, with the
project covering an extra nights
stay for anyone who'd like to
think what all this should mean
for the project and how we
might put it into action.**

BOARC

**BIDSTON OBSERVATORY
ARTISTIC RESEARCH CENTRE**

ANOUNCING:

After a 2 year hiatus our Annual General Exchange is back - a 5 day autumnal gathering for those invested in critical thinking, DIY organising and imagining alternative futures.

BOARC has an amazing user base, doing inspiring work. This is intended as point of crossover where knowledge and strategy can be shared and collectively developed.

This year we are asking users, who feel their research practice resonates, to take the floor for an hr and pivot a presentation off of 1 of 3 thematics. Offerings are intended to be light work, though rigorous in their stance, so they can act as co-ordinates, giving movement to the wider conversation. We'll support the flow with collective diagramming and group practice, in the hope of getting practical work done alongside wider speculation.

Of course it's BOARC so there will be time to party, walk the woods and enjoy each others company but in this really bonkers moment our hearts are calling out for some time going in deep and thinking critically with others and all the tools we can muster. **Join - you're needed!**

ECONOMIES

IMAGINING ALTERNATIVE ECONOMIES; MEASURE METRIC & MEAN.

Some of our floating thoughts and questions, just to set a tone:

What happened to criticality - the importance of Para-academic strategies,

Thinking outside of finance - co-operative methods and energetic exchange,

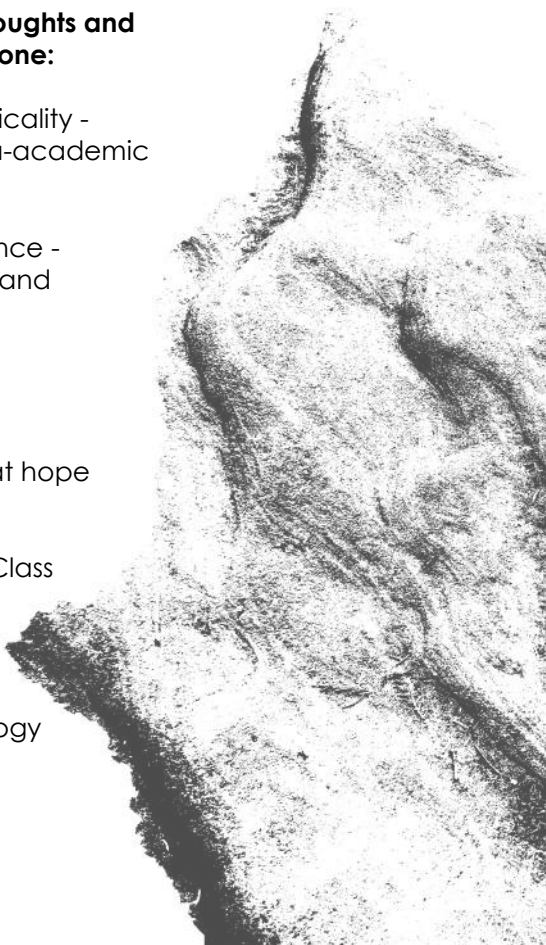
Searching for scale in a disembodied world.

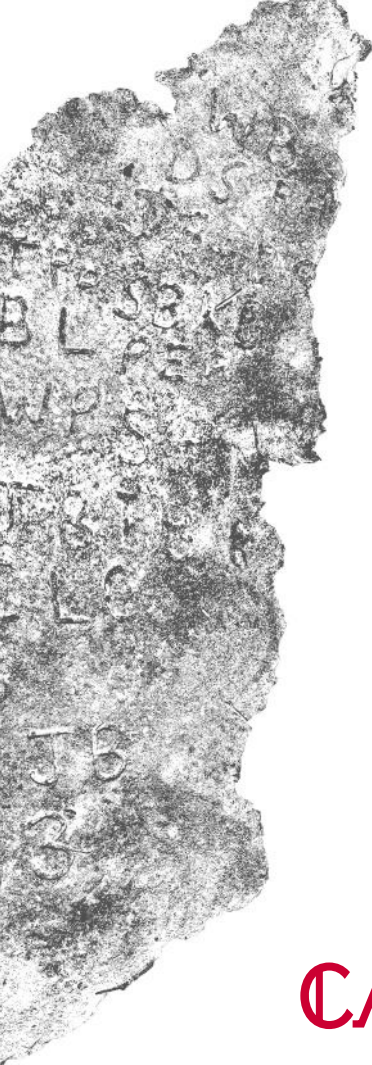
Renter capitalism - what hope lies where.

The changing face of Class under turboCapitalism.

The not so hidden costs -the death drive of capital and psychology of willing ignorance

DAY 1





DAY 2

Floating thought and questions:

Beyond the welfare industry -
alternatives to identity driven
healthcare,

15 years into accountability
practices - where are we now.

Breaking Learned helplessness -
de-habituating state control from
our relation to neurodivergence.

Intolerable grief, its impact on
the collective imagination.

The fractal relation between
individual, social and political
health - when cracks can no
longer be jumped.

Raising conscious kids in a time
of black mirrors and ethical
abandon.

CAPACITIES

**RADICAL NETWORKS OF CARE & FRAMEWORKS
FOR DEEP ADAPTION.**

DAY 3

Floating thought and questions:

The death of ethics - 3 years into Genocide in Gaza what have we learnt of the human condition?

Passive aggression as a legacy of the UK's colonial heritage - its role in fascisms rise.

Time as a human construction - the stasis of culture, is there movement below?

The Systemic Field - lessons from the eastern traditions in non-duality.

Para-political repetitions - understanding contemporary exertions of power that eschew the framework of liberal democracy

Stirring the silent majority - in a digitised world will alienation ever activate the masses.

TOPOLOGIES

**GRAPPLING WITH THE GLOBAL ACROSS
SYSTEMIC SCALES.**



DAY 4

CONSTELLATING, DIAGRAMMING, MOVING WITH.

A day of expanded practice to consolidate thinking using physical and creative group tools (eg. Systemic Constellations) and meeting formats. We'll also have BOARCS AGM and some form of party.

DAY 5

CAPTURING, REFLECTING IMPLEMENTING, ADAPTING.

BOARC hosts its AGM during AGE. This infuses it with novel thinking pertinent to how we want to run, especially critical now as we look to adapt the projects structure. To really see this through, we'll spend the day drafting things into policy and program, and offer a nights free stay to any one who wants to stick around and do this with us.

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THE REQUEST:

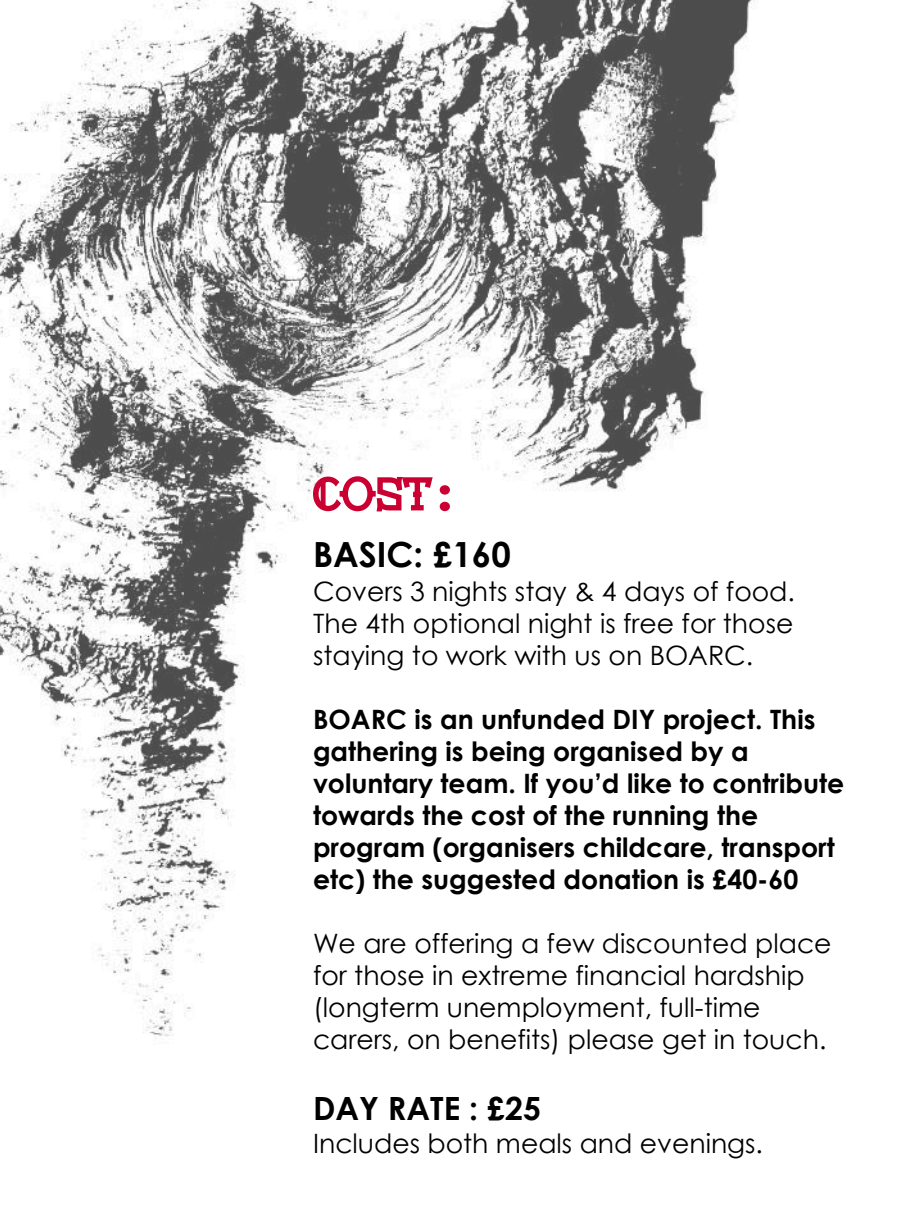
Hold the floor, on theme, for 30-60mins.

There's no need to come with a fancy powerpoint or fully elaborated thesis. We are just asking interested/ing folks to throw their hat in the ring by speaking for their current research, the findings generated through their practice, or social strategies they are currently thinking with.

What you present might not be the heart of your work but grown from a questions you've been seeking answers for. We are after the thing that make you go - "others need to know about this and... I need to know their feedback", be it doom laden or, hopeful, micro or macro. Your academic side hustle or life's current case study. Get pragmatic or get lofty, its in the coming together of these propositions we start to see new vantage points.

We don't need a draft - just a loose outline of what you want to talk about, the thematic you are situating it under and how you think you'll use the hr so we can pace things (eg. talk right through, or with break outs and discussions).

Mail us: **Enquiries@bidstonobservatory.org**



COST:

BASIC: £160

Covers 3 nights stay & 4 days of food. The 4th optional night is free for those staying to work with us on BOARC.

BOARC is an unfunded DIY project. This gathering is being organised by a voluntary team. If you'd like to contribute towards the cost of the running the program (organisers childcare, transport etc) the suggested donation is £40-60

We are offering a few discounted place for those in extreme financial hardship (longterm unemployment, full-time carers, on benefits) please get in touch.

DAY RATE : £25

Includes both meals and evenings.