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JAMM'ART

Are artists and intellectuals obliged to engage in society and politics today?

Why?

A 72 HOURS DISCUSSION

ONLINE JAM SESSION

TO EXCHANGE IDEAS
IN AN INNOVATIVE WAY

27
28
29
APRIL
2016

**WE INVITE EVERYONE ONLINE
TO JOIN AND CONTRIBUTE
IN COLLECTIVELY REFLECTING ON TODAY'S ROLE
OF ARTISTS AND INTELLECTUALS
IN SOCIETY**

NO NEED OF EXPERTISE BECAUSE...
EVERYBODY IS AN EXPERT

NO NEED TO COMMIT FOR THE WHOLE THREE DAYS:
PASS BY WHENEVER YOU WANT TO HAVE A LOOK AND HAVE YOUR SAY!

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WHAT IS A JAM SESSION?

Borrowing the concept from the jazz world, a Jam Session is an event, a web site, an open space, a tool, a discussion and more all wrapped into a 72-hour exchange of ideas on issues that are relevant for people.

After many experiences by different types of organisations (from United Nations to IBM), a Jam Session is organised to facilitate discussions among participants around "always evolving" topics, with the goal of collectively tackling them in a defined period of time.

WHAT ARE THE KICK OFF QUESTIONS OF JAMM'ART ?



Are artists and intellectuals sufficiently part of the political discourse today? Should they be?



Do arts thrive in democracy?
And viceversa: do democracies thrive via the arts?



Do artists and intellectuals necessarily need to consider their impact on society?



Should artists live off their arts? How?

The outcome: a collective understanding of the "state of the art", collecting inputs from different parts of Europe.
And, in addition, a new experiment for a truly dynamic European conversation in an historical moment in need of deeper connectivity.

It might be that collectively we wish to do something more than this, but we chose to engage in such activity with the possibility to decide together along the way.

HOW DOES A JAM SESSION WORK ?

The Jam happens in a web-platform that allows multiple activities and conversations to run in parallel.

During the 72 hours, you only need to visit the homepage to get a glance of what is going on and decide to share your voice, reply to messages, engage in the conversations.

A group of facilitators physically gathered in Gdansk (Poland) will allow conversations to be moved forward, red threads to emerge, questions and issues to be better explored.

You just need a device connected to the Internet!

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F.A.Q.

Q. BUT...IS IT A SIMPLE FORUM?

A. It is much more: it is a highly interactive online discussion!

Q. CAN I POST IN MY OWN LANGUAGE?

A. The main language will be English but all languages are welcome! The platform allows a simple translation of each post and contribution.

Q. SHOULD I ONLY WRITE?

A. You can also upload videos, files, etc.but remember that words are easier to read and quickly to reply to...

Q. SHOULD I REGISTER?

A. To contribute, you can join the platform at any moment during the Jam Session. Your name and email will be needed. You will also be able to join the day before the Jam Session (April 26). You can register a new profile, or connect through your facebook, twitter, google, yahoo account.

Q. WHAT IS THE AGENDA?

A. We will start from the questions stated in the previous pages, but we will follow the evolution of this collective reflection.

Q. AND WHAT IS THE AIM?

A. A collective understanding of the "state of the art", collecting inputs from different parts of Europe. And, in addition, a new experiment for a truly dynamic European conversation in an historical moment in need of deeper connectivity. Moreover: we will have the possibility to decide together how to continue and what to do next.

Q. CAN I CONNECT WITH PEOPLE PARTICIPATING IN THE JAM SESSION?

A. Sure! You can directly connect and contact those participating in the discussions online.

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HOW TO PARTICIPATE ?

I WANT TO CONTRIBUTE!

BE A MULTIPL(A)YER

BEFORE AND DURING THE JAM SESSION

- share the news with your community and engage them through your social media, website, newsletter etc.

  (re)tweet, (re)post, ask your own questions related to the main question(s)

- bring the voice of your community/country online and engage them by being connected to the facilitators in Gdansk

  write to comm-director@cultureactioneurope.org

BE A PROPAGATOR!

- organise a debate, a dinner, a wine&cheese, an hour with your team .... during the days of the Jam Session to discuss what is happening online and nurture the conversation online
- do you know people that should be informed about this? share their emails with comm-intern@cultureactioneurope.org or invite them to follow us on social media
- do you know people who should provide special input such as videos or messages?

  introduce them to the team by writing to comm-director@cultureactioneurope.org

I AM CURIOUS...

BE A JAMMER

BEFORE

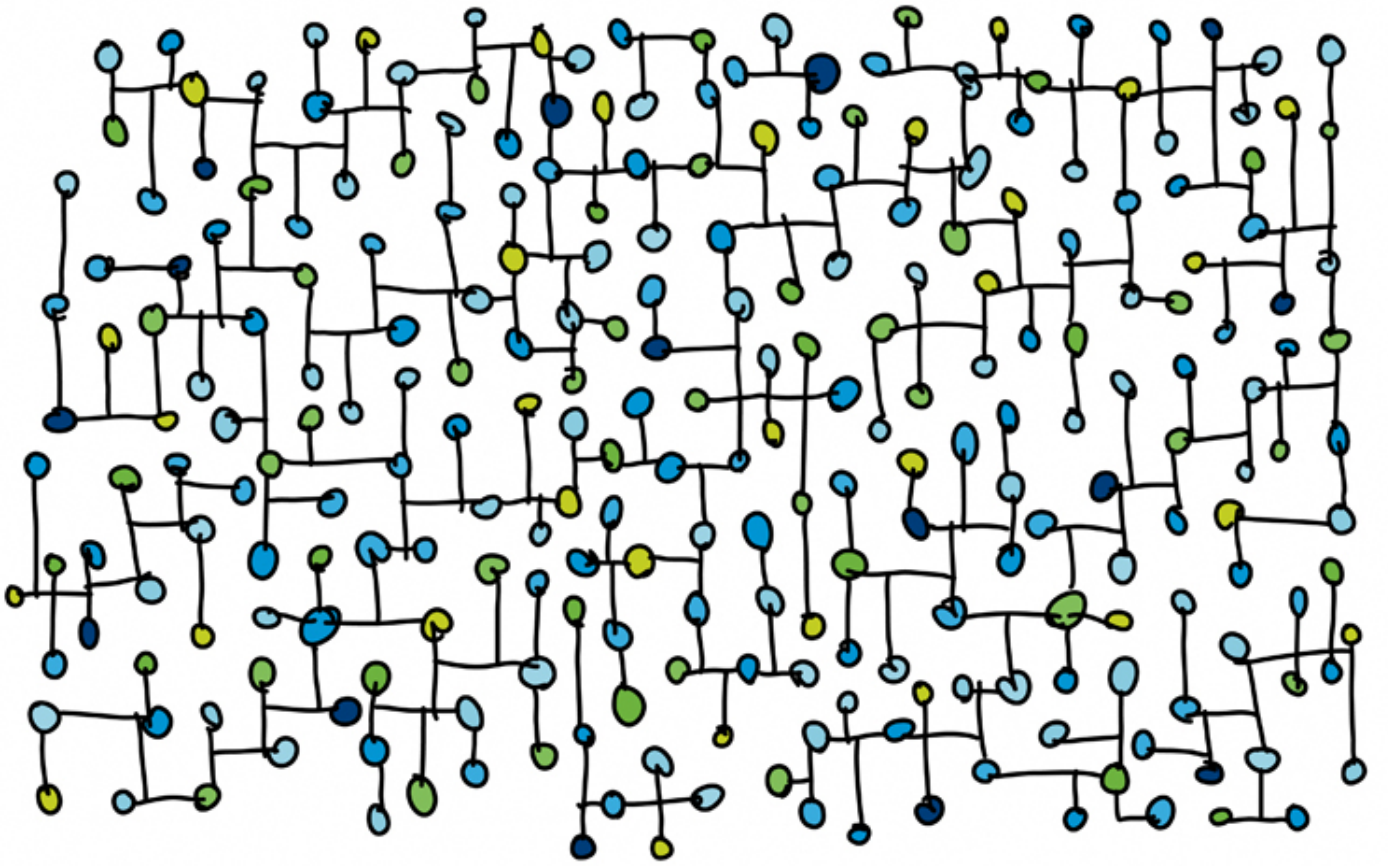
- keep yourself informed

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DURING THE JAM SESSION

- register and jam. It might be interesting...

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