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The Anti Gallery Gallery Show

35 artists and art groups stage a takeover of the Espacio Gallery

35 artists and art groups are staging a takeover of the Espacio Gallery in Shoreditch in January 2015 to turn it into a demonstration site, an encounter space and an ideas laboratory.

Instigated by the Degrees of Freedom collective, the Anti Gallery Gallery Show is an experiment in finding ways for artists to change their relationship with each other, their artworks and the public within a traditional gallery space so as to subvert its governing ethos- competitive individualism within a consumerist culture.

The Show is designed as a festival rather than a normal exhibition and aims to create an ever changing, boisterous and engaging experience inside and outside the gallery space. The ambition is to engage artists and visitors, make them think, play and take part in ways that are thought provoking as well as fun.

The takeover is supported by Carlos de Lins, Director of the Espacio Gallery. "The Anti Gallery Gallery Show makes some very serious points about the nature of the art world and having them made in a gallery space adds an interesting dimension to what they are saying".

The Show features installations, performances, constructed situations, encounters and happenings that challenge the values, rituals, practices and conventions of the gallery culture. All artworks will be created or completed at the gallery or require participation from visitors.

Participating artists include Andrea Artz, Graham Asker, Bodo Jackson artist collaboration, Liana Bortolozzo, Consuelo Celluzzi, Cluster Bomb (collective), Stephanie Conway, Marta Daeuble, Naya Eleftheriou, Fans of Feminism, Ahmed Farooqui, Livia Garcia, Esperanza Gomez-Carrera, Hysterical Women, Miguel Ivorra, Ellen Jewell, Graham Johnston, Matthew Kay, Dan Kennedy, Jeannette Abi Khalil, Chloë Louise Lawrence, John Ledger & John Wright, Claire Nelmes, Naomi Oduse, John O'Hare, Elspeth Penfold, Klaus Pinter, Natasha Sabatani, Diana Scarborough & Lorelei Lodestar, S.R.Jimmy, Tree Players, Jones Tensini, Monika Tobel, Kate Walters, Women's Rhythm Tap Collective..

Information on the daily schedule of events will be available at <http://degrees-of-freedom.weebly.com/the-anti-gallery-gallery-show.html> from 2nd January 2015.

Note to the Editor

The Anti Gallery Gallery Show is at Espacio Gallery, 159 Bethnal Green Road, London, E2 7DG.
Entry-free.

The Show is instigated and facilitated by the Degrees of freedom artist collective: www.degrees-of-freedom.weebly.com

Open from 8th – 29th January 2015,
Tues & Wed 3pm-8pm, Thurs-Sat 1pm-8pm, Sunday 11am-6pm, Monday closed.

Opening event: Thursday 8th January 2015, 6–9pm.

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High resolution images and interviews with artists and organisers are available on request.

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/espaciogallery?ref=ts&fref=ts>

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Directions to the Gallery: Close to Shoreditch High Street Station, Liverpool Street Station, Buses 8, 388
<https://www.google.com/maps?q=E2+7DG&hl=en&sll=37.0625,-95.677068&sspn=53.300127,114.169922&hnear=London+E2+7DG,+United+Kingdom&t=m&z=16>