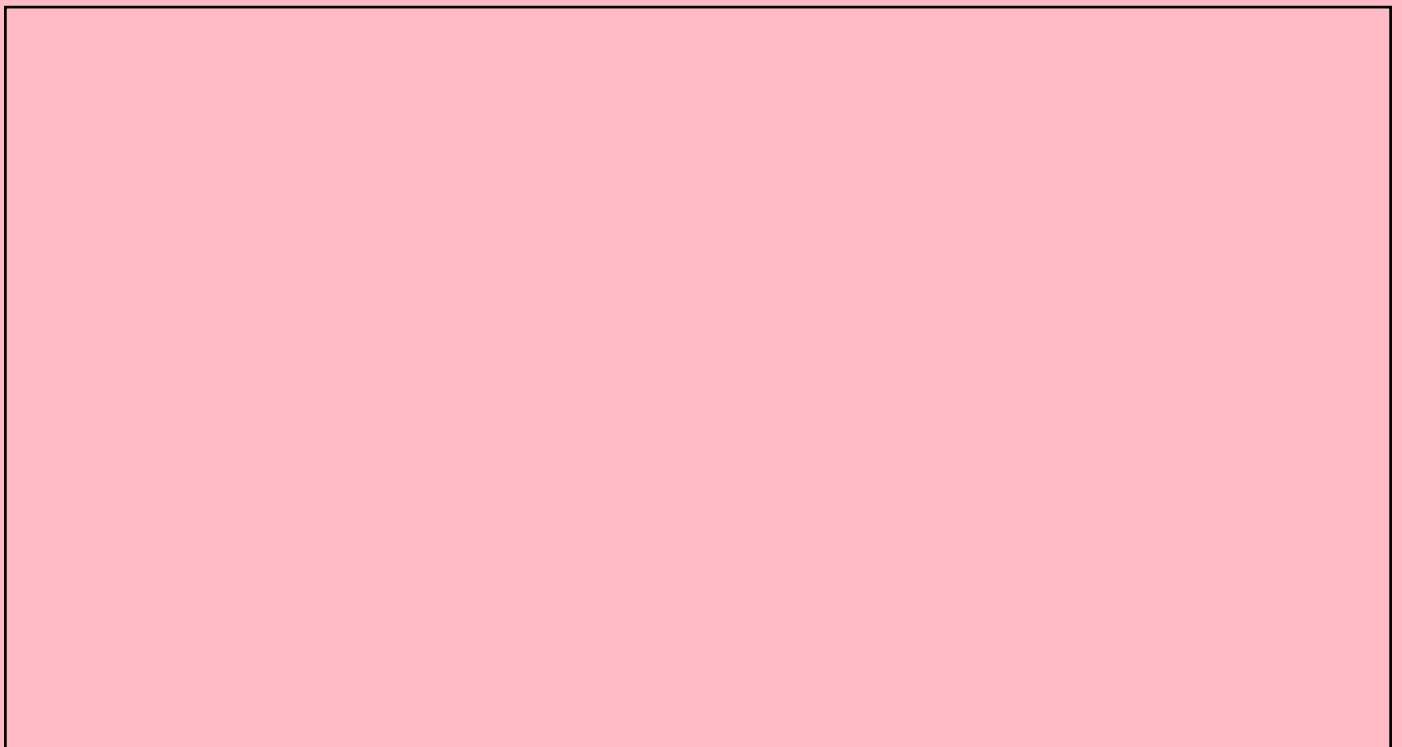


OPEN CALL ANTI-INSTITUTION SUMMER SCHOOL

9th Aug - 4th Sept 2021, The Horse Hospital



[image description: The image shows a horse not touching the ground. It is a dark brown horse; its coat is rain-wet. A black saddle is strapped to its back but it has no rider. Leather blinkers over its eyes, it is galloping hard through a street in central London. The image is blurry. The horse is rain-wet and alive, maybe sweating. In flight its body is charged and wheeling but its head is strangely steady. Blinkered, it looks straight ahead like a swan. The red light in a traffic light appears as though smeared, as though it were being wiped away. There are no cars. Below the point where the horse hangs in the air in the photo, painted letters on the ground spell out the words 'LOOK LEFT'. Three or four figures in dark clothes are on the scene. With their hoods up they face away, go where they need to go either at a walk or at a run. This is the horse that bolted from beneath a police officer during the Black-led insurrection of summer 2020, although it was long-trained not to.]

The deadline for applications for the Summer School is midnight 21st July, 2021.

* for an audio version of this document [click here](#)

- 13 participants
- 2 day-long sessions per week, plus small number of additional events and off-site visits
- pre-structured first 2 weeks with visiting facilitators and guest contributors (tba) followed by 2 weeks collectively organised by the participants
- optional overnight trip (free of charge) /max. 3 nights

Apply here! ** hyperlink*

When: 9th Aug - 4th Sept 2021

Where: The Horse Hospital (wheelchair accessible)

Please note: We will be creating and adhering to a collectively agreed set of Covid-19 guidelines to ensure that we are respecting each other's needs and limitations throughout. These will take stock of but not be identical to the government guidelines at the time.

**How do we build
the structures that
can hold those of
us desiring to live
otherwise?**

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A year has passed since The Horse Hospital succeeded in its most recent community campaign to resist eviction. We are relieved and grateful for the four-year reprieve our people-power has won us, but we know that now is not the time to rest on our laurels.

We call upon the wider community of those committed to nurturing and building the underground, the countercultural and the subcultural, to join us in investigating alternative, more sustainable infrastructures for radical arts and culture.

Are we happy to accept as inevitable that being committed to anti-capitalist, anti-normative, anti-colonial, anti-racist, and DIY-punk values will always mean being so precarious and so vulnerable to the forces of what we stand so proudly against?

No: ~~fuck that.~~

So what do we do?

First of all, we need to do a bit of thinking - a bit of 'study', in the sense that the poet-theorists Fred Moten and Stefano Harney use that word when they say "study is what you do with other people". We want to learn how to learn together and study what we do, in order to figure out what we can do, for ourselves and for each other.

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The summer school will be guided by an explicitly **Abolitionist** mindset, which is characterised by an emphasis on imagining better futures (How would you live if you could live any way you wanted? How would we share resources?) at the same time as practically dealing with the everyday work of how to carry on in the meantime.

Join us for a **free** 4-week summer school.

ABOLITIONISM URGES US TO ASK TWO QUESTIONS AT THE SAME TIME□

1. What can we learn from existing structures in order to decrease our reliance on the systems that prop up worlds we don't want and can't tolerate?

2. How can we create new structures that would be better?

This is an open call to join us as we explore these two questions through workshops, skill-shares, group reading, discussion, collaboration, experimentation, and improvisation. Alongside an ongoing investigation of larger ideas and theoretical and cultural traditions informed by social justice movements, mutual aid, transformative justice and accountability, disability justice, anti-imperialism, and radical visions of the power of counterculture to change the world, we will explore the practicalities of things like

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HEALING JUSTICE

How can we build alternatives that don't only not reproduce social 'violence' (racist, sexist, homophobic, colonial, ableist, classist) but actively heal the inherited trauma of it?

What are the structured practices that allow us to cultivate relationships that foster tenderness, liberation and joy?

How do we build cultures that nurture those structures?

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ALTERNATIVE MODELS OF OWNERSHIP IN ARTS AND CULTURE

How would our own lives and our shared cultural field be different if the institutions we relied upon were made into co-operatives?

What does it take to start a collectively owned organisation?

What does it mean to become one?

What does it take to do it well?

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EXPERIMENTS IN SELF-GOVERNANCE

How will we manage ourselves?

How will power be distributed and shared in the institutions we want?

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ALTERNATIVE ECONOMIES AND BUSINESS MODELS

How can we better manage our resources?

What does it mean to practice a cyclical and regenerative economy that measures well-being instead of growth?

What are other possible business models?

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EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES AND WORKERS RIGHTS

How can we deal with cultures of burnout?

How can we pay ourselves properly?

How can we meet our access needs?

How can we redistribute agency strategically to create genuinely equitable workplaces?

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MOVEMENT BUILDING FOR LARGER SYSTEMIC CHANGE

How do we build resilient networks of like-minded individuals and organisations?

How do we support each other in what we do?

How can we continue to learn from each other while dealing with the everyday work of what we do?

No prior
knowledge
is strictly
necessary;
we are
looking
for people
who are
interested in
exploring and
producing
alternatives,
and welcome
different
ways of
doing so.

**□NO ONE WAY WORKS,
IT WILL TAKE ALL OF US
SHOVING AT THE THING
FROM ALL SIDES TO BRING
IT DOWN.□**

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The Summer School runs from 9th August to 4th September 2021.

Participants will come to the Horse Hospital's building in Russell Square (wheelchair accessible) for two day-long sessions per week, with some additional scheduled evening events and off-site visits. Sessions will be in person; we are open to exploring remote participation for those who are unable to join otherwise. Participants will be asked to make time in between in-person meetings to prepare and develop thoughts and responses to the ongoing investigation and learning process. The first two weeks will follow a predetermined structure, with visiting facilitators and guest contributors (to be announced). The second two weeks will be structured collectively by the participants, based on what makes sense and what feels good.

The Summer School will involve a trip outside of London, either with or without an overnight stay. In order to ensure we are able to meet the accessibility needs of all participants, we will ask you to advise us in your application form about your comfort and capacity for travel.

TO APPLY

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Please fill out this **[SHORT APPLICATION FORM](#)** by midnight, 20th July. We will reply to all applications by the 26th July.

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