

FROM I TO WE – conversations
Leitrim Sculpture Centre
Friday 11th to Sunday 13th September 2015

From I to We is a series of conversations initiated by Susanne Bosch as part of her residency project in collaboration with the Leitrim Sculpture Centre and fellow artists. The general themes for these conversations are as follows:

Friday 11th September, 1-5 pm

<p><i>FROM I TO WE</i> – conversations [1] Common Space</p>
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What role does art play in the creation of common space/place? As artists, we frequently share methodologies that have been explored widely by the sustainability movement: gift economy, art of hosting, permaculture design. As nomadic or local socially engaged artists, we often arrive in settings where the consequences of social and economic crisis are starkly evident. Most often, we tend to get invited to develop or self-initiate transformative art processes or projects to make a change from a *worse* situation to a *better* situation. In this approach some would subscribe to Tania Bruguera's notion of 'Arte Util'. Bruguera states

*'If it is political art, it deals with the consequences, if it deals with the consequences, I think it has to be useful art.'*²

As the concept of the "commons" is about stewardship of resources, it is also about *hosting* people. Not "managing" them or "organizing" them, but unleashing their capacity to self-organize themselves in creative, constructive, humane ways. We would like to invite you for a conversation at the Leitrim Sculpture Centre in Manorhamilton. We will use some methods in the art of hosting to explore together the challenges and opportunities that art offers, to actively shape a future that we want to have. We will take key topics, stories and experiences from all participants to deepen what is most urgent for us.

Some links to attending people:

Pauline O'Connell, <http://paulineoconnell.com>

Kevin Flanagan, <http://p2pfoundation.net>

Martina Finn from the Galway Interdisciplinary Arts Research Collective, <http://thirdspacegalway.ie/>

Susanne Bosch, www.susannebosch.de

Seamus Dunbar, seamusdunbar.com

Mari-Aymone Djeribi <http://www.maisondjeribi.com>

Christine Mackey, <http://www.christinemackey.com/>

Everybody is welcome! *Tea and coffee will be served as the best conversations happen around the kitchen table...*

Transportation: A bus 66 arrives twice a day from Sligo or Enniskillen, www.buseireann.ie. But easiest accessible is the region by car

Accommodation: please check <https://www.airbnb.de>

A local cafe will be accessible for food: An Caife Bia Slainte, Mon to Friday, 9.30-5 pm, Saturday, 10-4.30 pm

Limited to 20 places, please confirm asap here: susbosch@web.de

Saturday 12th September, 11-2 pm

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Reasons that move you

Starting with 5 min presentations from some of the guests **Reasons that move you**, we will enter a joint discussion, reflecting on the Friday event and ideas around action to be taken. How can artists and creative practitioners be resilient in their professional practice?

Sunday 13th September, 11-1 pm

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Min(d)ing the field?

Three artists-in-residence discuss what experiences exist around notions of time, space, roles of the artist, institutions and communities in the creation of collaborative, site-specific work. What is the nature of the invitation and does it align to the offers and needs as well as conditions of North Leitrim as location? The 3 artists-in-residency Pauline O'Connell, Anna Macleod and Susanne Bosch in LSC from Summer 2015 will engage in a conversation with each other and the audience.

Anna Macleod, www.annamacleod.com

Pauline O'Connell, <http://paulineoconnell.com>

Susanne Bosch, www.susannebosch.de

For further information contact Mary T., e-mail office@leitrimsculpturecentre.ie or call LSC 071 9855098 between Mon-Fri 10 and 4 pm.