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2 DEGREES FESTIVAL 2015

ART. CLIMATE. ACTION.

- 1-7 June 2015
- Toynbee Studios E1 and across East London
- UK and international artists including Brett Bloom, Natalie Jeremijenko, the Labofii, Steve Lambert, Stacy Makishi and Steve Waters
- Full programme information available



A tree converted into an office, a subversive late-night chat show, and an East London pop-up installation that asks if capitalism works for you.

Artsadmin's fourth 2 Degrees Festival of art, climate and action asks: what can we do together to create a sustainable future?

A large LED-lit sign urges passers-by to respond to a simple true or false statement: *Capitalism Works For Me!* Popping up at a different location in East London each day, US artist **Steve Lambert** opens up discussion about how capitalism affects us all.

Steve says: "We have every right to ask if the economic system we live in is working. Art creates space that gives us the courage to ask these questions and moves us forward."

In the canopy of a tree in bustling Hoxton Square, *TREExOFFICE* offers an alternative to the conventional working and event space. From June tenants can pay the tree to use

its open plan office and the revenue made will be reinvested into Hackney's parks.

Australian-born artist **Natalie Jeremijenko** says: "I'm interested in the idea of non-human organisms owning property and how it might change their value. In Hoxton we'll see how the tree begins to exploit its property for its own purpose, assume its own voice and exert its independence."

At the festival base, Toynbee Studios, **Brett Bloom** hosts a series of evening talks encouraging us to think differently about our future. Speakers include the Bolivian Ambassador to the UK, Eric Berger, Charlotte Du Cann and Steve Wheeler.

Imagining the Impossible brings artists and activists together for a full day of performance and discussion on 6 June. It enquires about how to go on living, taking action, and making art in the face of climate change, capitalism and consumerism.

An alternative Saturday night chat show, the *Climate Couch*, is presented by the delightfully quirky **Stacy Makishi** with activists, writers, and artists sharing their radical new ideas on climate issues. Music is from Bridge of Sound and Pete the Temp.

Creating a space for collaboration and action, Artsadmin's 2 Degrees Festival 2015 invites artists and audiences to consider climate change as part of a wider global crisis that encompasses political, social and economic issues.

Judith Knight, Director, Artsadmin, says: "Artists can help us find new ways to avoid an impending climate crisis. 2 Degrees Festival inspires people to act, not to just sit and watch but to explore and make decisions for our future."

Find out more at 2degreesfestival.tumblr.com and follow #2DegreesFestival @artsadm.

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LISTINGS

PUBLIC INSTALLATIONS

EAST LONDON

*TREE*xOFFICE

Natalie Jeremijenko

Location: Hoxton Square

1 June – 31 Dec 2015

In the canopy of an urban tree, *TREExOFFICE* offers an alternative to the conventional working space and economy. <http://www.artsadmin.co.uk/events/3704>

Capitalism Works For Me! True/False

Steve Lambert

Location: various locations (see below)

1-6 June 2015

A large LED-lit sign will travel around East London engaging people in a deceptively simple true or false vote. <http://www.artsadmin.co.uk/events/3703>

- Mon 1 June - Clerkenwell Green
- Tues 2 June - Royal London Hospital, Whitechapel
- Weds 3 June - Old Spitalfields Market, Shoreditch
- Thurs 4 June - Chrisp Street Market, Poplar
- Fri 5 June – corner of Great Eastern Street and Old Street
- Sat 6 June - Toynbee Studios, Aldgate East

PERFORMANCES & DISCUSSIONS

TOYNBEE STUDIOS

Brett Bloom's Breakdown Break Down talks

Various speakers

1-5 June, 7pm, £3 (& a free drink on us)

Brett Bloom hosts a series of evening talks, encouraging us to think differently about our future. Speakers include the Bolivian Ambassador to the UK, Eric Berger, Charlotte Du Cann and Steve Wheeler. <http://www.artsadmin.co.uk/artist-support/advice-info-training/breakdown-break-down>

We Have Never Been Here Before

The Laboratory of Insurrectionary Imagination (Labofii)

1 June, 8pm, £5

An autobiographical lecture-turned-performance questioning how we can remain empowered when our worlds are being ripped apart and life itself is threatened with extinction. <http://www.artsadmin.co.uk/events/3705>

Imagining the Impossible

Various artists

6 June, 10am-6pm, £10 (including lunch)

A full day of artist performances, discussions and events on 'impossibility': how do we go on living, taking action, and making art in the face of climate change, capitalism, consumerism... <http://www.artsadmin.co.uk/events/3712>

Climate Couch

Various guests

6 June, 7pm, £5 (including a drink)

A subversive take on the late night chat show: a cocktail of debate, comedy and solutions, hosted by Stacy Makishi. <http://www.artsadmin.co.uk/events/3710>

Climate Action Speed Dating

The Laboratory of Insurrectionary Imagination (Labofii)

7 June, 2pm, Free

A theatrical art activist event, testing climate games in the city.

<http://www.artsadmin.co.uk/events/3711>

For the full 2 Degrees Festival programme visit 2degreesfestival.tumblr.com.

EVENT BOOKING

To book for any of the 2 Degrees Festival events please go to www.artsadmin.co.uk or call the Box Office on 020 7650 2350. For all events happening at Toynbee Studios, the address is 28 Commercial Street, London, E1 6AB (nearest tube: Aldgate East).

ABOUT

Additional Project Information

TREExOFFICE is created by Natalie Jeremijenko in collaboration with artists Shuster + Moseley and architects Tate Harmer. It has been commissioned by Artsadmin as part of the 2 Degrees Festival in partnership with London Borough of Hackney and Groundwork London as part of the ParkHack programme, supported by NESTA. This is first time **TREExOFFICE** has been presented in the UK (previously in New York, 2012 and Berlin, 2014). Watch the artist discussing the project [here](#).

Capitalism Works For Me! True/False by US artist Steve Lambert has toured over 20 cities in Europe and North America, including a spot in Times Square, NYC in 2013. Watch people's responses from Times Square [here](#).

2 Degrees Festival is Artsadmin's biennial celebration of art, environment and activism. It aims to inspire, connect, and empower people to create solutions for a sustainable future. The festival is delivered by Artsadmin and supported by Arts Council England, the Ashden Trust and the European Commission Culture Programme as part of Imagine 2020. 2degreesfestival.tumblr.com

Artsadmin produces bold and inventive art with a live element, touring it to audiences across the UK and around the world. From their East London home, Toynbee Studios, they work to advise and support artists at all stages of their careers. The building also provides rehearsal and meeting spaces for the creative industry. artsadmin.co.uk