



WELCOME TO THE PUBLIC OFFICE

What can you do here?

Come to hang out, develop ideas, study, pay bills, work, do crossword puzzles, knit, look for an apartment, plan projects, or whatever is important to you.

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Meet others who want to share knowledge, experience, ideas and inspiration.

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Initiate and organize events or projects together with others.

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Book rent-free meeting spaces.

What can you not do here?

Activities that promote sexism, racism or other forms of discrimination.

What kind of equipment is there?

A couple of computers to borrow, wifi, printer and copy machine.

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A "tool wall" with basic stuff like pens, paper, rulers, scissors, crafting things, hearing protection (for those who need total silence), some potted plants and other things to make the space cozy...

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A self-organized library with books, clothes, sewing machines, tools, and more.

What are the game rules?

At The Public Office, there are only three basic rules:

- 1) *The Public Office is open to everyone*
- 2) *Make it possible for others to use The Public Office*
- 3) *Contribute to the development and activities of The Public Office*

Proposed methods and tools

We who initiated The Public Office, want to work with you and other users to develop ways for those who want to get in touch, support each other, get inspired in playful and simple ways. We would like to try some different methods and "tools" for a period to see what that feels good - they're there to be changed, rejected, developed, replaced.. Are there any other suggestions that you want to try out?

The Support Board - Sign up here if you would like assistance or help with anything in particular, or if there is something special you would like to help other users with.

The Proposal Board - Write your suggestions for events or projects that you would like to organize with others. If enough people show interest in the initiative, the group can meet to discuss how it can be realized.

The Inspiration Board - Post information about inspiring projects, events, movements - perhaps things that are happening in other places, inspiring organizations etc..

The Contact File - Simply a file or book where anyone can write down their names, what we can or want to do, offer or exchange, and our contact information.

Do you want to organize things at The Public Office?

The Public Office is a forum for self-organized activities, which means you can suggest and initiate things that you want to organize or get involved in. The staff at the Public Office is there to help, but all the events are organized primarily by you and the other users themselves. Let us know what you want to do at least a week in advance, book a space, and the staff will help you spread the word.

Here are a few suggestions:

Mending Day - A day to hang out and mend clothes and stuff together. Can also be e.g. bike fixing day.

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Visions for a Public Office

Cloth Swap & Library - We bring clothes we no longer use, and swap - for good or for a limited time, as a book loan.

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Discussions, debates, lectures or workshops - E.g. "How can we develop our neighborhood?", "What is art?", "What's anti-racist feminism?", "What is love?", "How do I build a blog in WordPress?", "How to analyze the poetry of hip hop?" and so on. If many users need a certain type of practical, financial or legal information, we can try to organize a workshop or lecture that deals with what is requested.

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Solidarity Flea Market - Let's sell our old stuff and donate the proceeds to some good end, that we decide together.

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Tool Library - those who have can bring, those who don't have can borrow - tools and equipment. We'll find a way so that everyone feels safe to lend their stuff.

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Hack Fest - we collect and take old computers and rebuild them to open source computers that can get new life.

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Local Association Day - we invite various associations and networks in the area to introduce themselves and their aims. An opportunity to catch sight of commitments, movements and groups.

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Cultural Events - Markets, music, dance, poetry, movies, art, craft, workshops, food...

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PO Presentations - We who use The Public Office regularly can meet once a week to present what we are doing or would like to do, who we are, and share challenges or thoughts for feedback or support.

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