

# ARTISTS NURTURING THOUGHTS AND SKILLS

## / ALTERNATIVE SUPPORT SYSTEM

(ANTS/ASS)

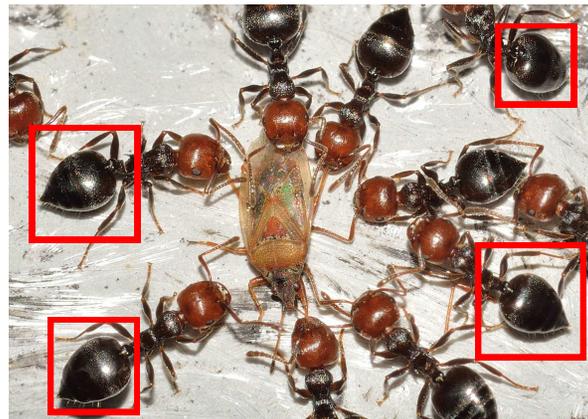


## ABOUT

An **alternative theoretical space** where, over the course of one day, a small cohort of artists meet together and engage with each other's thoughts, works, critiques, eyes, and other senses.

It is a chance to **reconvene as autonomous individuals outside of academia**, past the borders of institutional rules and learning.

A space to address artists' needs that other spaces can't/won't/don't have the time for.



## VISION

**ANTS/ASS** envisions a **casual art school** that exists in **domestic comfort spaces** with **small, intimate cohorts** that promote long-term care and friendships. **ANTS/ASS** believes in **alternative pedagogies, intuitive learning and divine powers**.

**ANTS/ASS** believes in **inherently collective success**. **ANTS/ASS** does not believe in stupid institutional rules and obligations such as late submission penalties, attendance, grades, etc.

## MISSION

**ANTS/ASS** provides an **accessible space for artist-identity production** through **day-long, artist-led and artist-oriented feedback sessions** that include activities centered around the members' desires to **share interests, exercise their agency, and engage with each other** to generate **intentional conversations without the presence of mediators** (galleries, dealers, curators, etc.)

# CONSTITUTION

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## 1. FRIENDSHIP

*Extend the invitation! Bring those you trust with your heart! Foster social bonds! Pass the leaflet further!*

## 2. FUN

Fun is intuitive, trust your instincts.

## 3. FUCK THE SHAREHOLDERS

ANTI-NEUTRALITY, ANTI-ESTABLISHMENT, ANTI-COMMERCIALIZATION

## 4. FLEXIBILITY

FLAKERS UNITE, DO THINGS LAST MINUTE, KEEP CHANGING YOUR MIND

## 5. FRAGILITY

Come as you are, cavities and all.

## 6. FREE

Membership and participation is free. Commit to the barter system.

## MATERIAL SPACE

In the spirit of DIY and anti-contracts, **ANTS/ASS** will be conducted in donated domestic spaces.

**ANTS/ASS** is an artists union that cannot and should not exist in a designated space

## MEMBERSHIP

**ANTS/ASS** has a fluid, one-tier, non-hierarchical membership system. There are no contracts to be signed. No payments. **But**, it operates on democratic values and boundaries that serve to benefit the members, this can also be fluid and evolving.

## SESSIONS

Gatherings conducted by **ANTS/ASS** are called Sessions. Each Session is modified to the needs and wants of the Cohort.

There is no strict structure set in place.

**ANTS/ASS HAS NO BUDGET. MONEY IS THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL. NO FINANCIAL MEDIATION BY INSTITUTIONS, NO CHARITY, NO FINANCIALISED ARRANGEMENTS AND CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS. OPERATE ON WHAT IS AVAILABLE TO YOU. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SYSTEMS YOU ARE A PART OF. DONATE YOUR SPACE AND TIME FOR THE COLLECTIVE GOOD.**

**PRIVACY, PIRACY, POWER**

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