

THE COMMUNITY LIVE IN NOTTINGHAM

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I sit on the bench, watch him play. I don't intervene, only when he looks around for help or encounters something he hasn't climbed before. When it happens, I place my hand where he needs to get his next hold. Then I leave him again to his own devices.

This is an invitation to enter a new universe, one that constantly changes and builds new layers. Through an amalgam of words, gestures and encounters, an array of feelings unfolds. From uncertainty to surprise, doubt to delight. Throughout the weeks, ephemeral groups will gather together, decide what matters for them and write their scripts. As the days go by, the surroundings take unexpected shapes, constellations and meanings. This space is both personal and collective and provides a haven for exchange. An exchange that forms and adds new chapters to the story. To the reality waiting outside.

Established in 2016 by a collective of eight, The Community is a Paris-based multidisciplinary art institute dedicated to promoting experimental and progressive artistic practice through interdisciplinary programming.

The Community's founding was prompted by a long-standing need for a shared space and platform to stimulate ideas and facilitate collaboration across different creative disciplines including art, fashion, music and publishing.

"At the time this was The Community's internal brief for the collective installation and collaboration: 'The installation follows the rules of an adventure playground: anyone can build anything, together or alone. Everyone must participate. I can foresee the process and give tips if needed (and build some stuff too of course!).'"

Extending The Community's methodology to the UK, The Community : Live in Nottingham transforms Bonington Gallery into a site for learning, experimentation and production through a programme of free to attend weekly workshops and activities delivered by a specially invited group of internationally prominent artists, accompanied by members of The Community collective. Over the course of a month, participants will create work within the space whilst reflecting and developing upon previous outcomes – building content through experience and accumulation. Participation will be open to all, reflecting The Community's desire to ingratiate their practice through dialogue and collaboration with local communities.

The exhibition will culminate with a music and performance event at the gallery and in the city on Thursday 28th and an opportunity to view completed works on Friday 29th and Saturday 30th March.

The gallery will be open for visitation throughout the exhibition period, but due to the nature of this being an 'exhibition-as-process', we suggest following updates via our Instagram to maximise your experience.

Please visit the exhibition website with full artist and workshop details, and to participate in the workshops:

www.liveinnottingham.thecommunity.io