



Against Competition/Towards Mutual Aid

February 8th - February 14th
 Gallery Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 5pm—8pm
 Saturday and Sunday, noon - 6pm
 Mondays closed

February 2nd - February 7th
 Work in Progress - By Appointment

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Artist as Ally panel : Flux Thursday
 February 9th, Dinner at 7 pm / Panel at 8pm

Closing reception
 February 14th, 7 pm – 10pm

NEW YORK: [ABC No Rio](#) and [Flux Factory](#) are proud to collaborate on the process-based exhibition, *Against Competition/Towards Mutual Aid*. Seeking of an alternative to the competitive atmosphere of art production and exhibition, this project is based on the idea that art should exist as a venture that nourishes collaboration. As such, competitive approaches should be replaced by more mutualist and participatory practices.

Unlike a traditional exhibition, the premise of *Against Competition/Towards Mutual Aid* requires all artists to propose works themed around mutual aid; those projects will be realized by all of the artists collaboratively over the course of a month. A core part of the exhibition will be the sharing of materials, skills, and labor. Visions will be realized, but not necessarily as originally imagined; this is part of the excitement of the project.

By engaging in an artistic process based on voluntary reciprocity, Flux Factory and ABC No Rio aim to question the commonly-held notions that competition is natural, inevitable and healthy. We look to historical models for our inspiration, such as Amish barn raising - in which a community comes together to build a barn for one of its members. While we cannot promise a barn, we promise a nuanced exploration of the ideas and potential ways we can bring this type of collaboration to fruition.

Artists participating in *Against Competition/Towards Mutual Aid* include Razan AlSalah, Rachel Brown, Lee Brozgol, Kerry Cox, Elizabeth Demaray, Rachel Haberstroh, Robert Hieger, Rachel Hillery, Christopher Lin, Jemila MacEwan, Firoz Mahmud, Liz Naiden + Anatole Hocek, Patrícia Silva, Alex Strada, Julieta Triangular, Moira Williams, Ariel Zakarison, and Joanie Fritz Zosike.