



INFOSHEET FOR REGIONAL GROUP MEETUPS

Infosheet to help run meet-ups for artists interested in arts and social practice. These points were developed by running meet-ups together and can be edited and added to by artists as they develop and run their own meet-ups.

REGIONAL GROUP MEETUPS AIM TO BE:

- ❖ Artist-led spaces for creative practitioners to come together, share work, discuss challenges, explore new methods, and share ways of working
- ❖ Always free to attend
- ❖ Shared to the SAN Facebook for others to attend and show visibility

GUIDELINES

- ❖ Recurring monthly sessions work best, preferably on a pattern i.e. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. This helps to build momentum and allows people to plan ahead.
- ❖ Feel free to create a distinctive name but make it part of SAN to help grow and support each other
- ❖ Promote widely to artists, communities, activists, and organisations in order to discover new voices
- ❖ Sessions work best with a provocation starter of two artists presenting their practice at each session with discussion after
- ❖ Balance between guided conversation and free flow between sessions. A chair can be useful and its important to share chairing the event with others.
- ❖ As much as possible keep to time limits to make it easier for people to commit to return
- ❖ End points are helpful, i.e. work towards collective voice/output/contribution to Tate in April can be a great goal that could unite voices across cities.
- ❖ Start a mailing list and create your own FB page to keep the network growing.
- ❖ Location: same venue each month could help build awareness of the meet-ups. BUT different locations each month can provide organisations/artists an opportunity to host and present their work, opening up to new audiences. Advance notice of these locations is important!
- ❖ Meetings work best right after working hours but not run too late, keep meet-ups concise and exciting so that you don't exhaust the conversations in one sitting.
- ❖ Take a break halfway through for networking opportunities. Conversations happen best sometimes in the moments in between
- ❖ Snacks are always a great idea for an evening meet-up!