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Charge 2016

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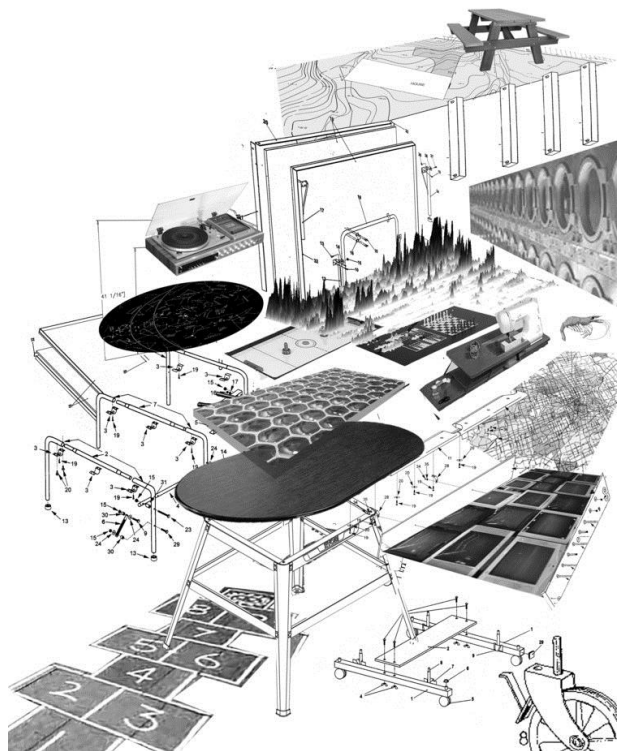
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Charge 2016 is a three day convening presented by Art League Houston to **1.** platform artist led alternative models of sustainability **2.** advocate for equitable compensation for artists **3.** consider artists' work in the larger economy.

Charge commissions local and national presenters (artists, curators, organizers, researchers, and educators) to conceive and host discussions, direct actions, lectures and workshops that explore alternative conceptual, organizational, and economic models of sustaining one's art practice, engaging critically and generatively within the arts ecosystem and broader social contexts, and advocating for equitable compensation along the way.

Charge 2016 will focus on supporting, celebrating and hearing real talk from those who've been:

- Intervening in their cities as citizens, artists, and organizers
- Piloting alternative models
- Experimenting imaginatively with how to sustain an art practice
- Intersecting arts and activist communities
- Inspiring the present via historic precedents
- Advancing practices of equitable compensation
- Reflecting how artists' work ties into the larger economy



Even as our work is used to beautify a city, supplement an industry, provide content for an institution, or convey an idea that shifts our world - **the voices of Artists** as primary producers, idea creators, and cultural instigators **are often excluded from the table.**

Being Artists, however:

We've built our own table.

You are invited.

CHARGE 2016 SCHEDULE

FRIDAY JAN 8 @ PROJECT ROW HOUSES CAMPUS

5:30 - 6:30 PM >>> Project Row Houses *Round 43: Small Business / Big Change Curator's Tour* with Ryan Dennis **meets at 2521 Holman**

6:30 - 6:45 PM >>> Welcome with Michael Peranteau, Jennie Ash, and Carrie Schneider @ Eldorado Ballroom 2310 Elgin

6:45 - 7:15 PM >>> *Art and Activism in the 1960's and Beyond* (keynote) with Linda Shearer {Project Row Houses/Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum/Artists Space/Museum of Modern Art - Houston} @ Eldorado Ballroom 2310 Elgin

7:15 - 8:15 PM >>> *Everything I Make Comes Back Home to Live with Me* (keynote) with Caroline Woolard {OurGoods/Trade School/BFAMFAPhD/NYC Real Estate Investment Cooperative - New York} @ Eldorado Ballroom 2310 Elgin

8:15 - 8:45 PM >>> Q&A with Linda Shearer and Caroline Woolard

SATURDAY JAN 9 @ ART LEAGUE HOUSTON

10:30 – 10:45 AM >>> Welcome, Intro & Coffee

10:45 AM – 11:45 PM >>> *Gauging the Grey Area: Houston Edition Spectrogram* (interactive group exercise) with Nicole Burisch {Ladies Invitational Deadbeat Society - Canada/Houston} and Taraneh Fazeli {Houston/New York City}

12:00 – 1:30 PM >>> Early Afternoon Sessions

Session A - *"No" is Free: The Art of Ask/Borrow/Trade/Give (You too can be an artist with little to no money down!)* (interactive workshop and game) with Stephanie Saint Sanchez {La Chicana Laundry Pictures/Senorita Cinema - Houston} and Koomah {Artist - Houston}

Session B - *Fe y Justicia Worker Center: Charla, La Colmena and the Justice Bus* (presentation with slides) with Martha Ojeda {Fe y Justicia Worker Center - Houston}

Session C - *This Thing We Do: Houston DJ Culture Revealed* (presentation) with Jason Woods {Flash Gordon Parks - Houston}

1:30 – 2:30 PM >>> Lunch Break

2:30 – 4:00 PM >>> Late Afternoon Sessions

Session D - *No Justice, No Service! (Adjuncts Unite)* (Interactive presentation and discussion) with Jessica Lawless {Adjunct Action/SEIU Faculty Forward/No Justice No Service: Bay Area Art & Education Justice Festival - San Francisco} and Cassie Thornton {Strike Debt Bay Area/No Justice No Service: Bay Area Art & Education Justice Festival - San Francisco}

Session E - *The Laundromat Project, Supporting Artists and Communities Where They Live* (presentation and workshop) with Hatuey Ramos-Fermin {Laundromat Project - New York}

Session F - *Job Performance: Now You Art Me, Now You Don't* (presentation, interactive audience role play and storytelling) with Bobby Kalloor {Realtor, Jenner House - Houston} and Maurice Duhon {Realtor, Cornbreadd - Houston}

4:00 – 5:00 PM >>> Sunset & drinks on Art League patio

Session G - *The Game of Art* (outdoor intervention installed game) with Phillip Pyle, II {Artist - Houston} and Leah Binkovitz {Journalist - Houston}

SUNDAY JAN 10 @ ART LEAGUE HOUSTON

10:00 – 10:30 AM >>> *Laugh Yoga with Tony Day*

10:30 – 11:30 AM >>> *On Art Thinking* (lecture) with Kenneth Bailey {Design Studio for Social Intervention - Boston}

11:45 – 1:15 PM >>> Sunday Sessions

Session A - *W.A.G.E.N.C.Y.* (presentation) with Lise Soskolne {W.A.G.E - New York}

Session B - *Made of Star Stuff: Mapping Constellations of Women Creatives* (presentation and interactive game) with Autumn Knight and Monica Villerreal {Creative Women Unite - Houston}

1:15 – 2:15 PM >>> *Lunch and Session Shares* (Pecha Kucha lite)

2:15 – 3:45 PM >>> *Deal or No Deal* (exhilarating game of nerves, instincts, and raw intuition) with Alison Gerber {Department of Social and Economic Geography at Uppsala University - Sweden} Autumn Knight, Stephanie Saint Sanchez, and Cassie Thornton

3:45 – 4:15 PM >>> *Art Work: A Reading and Discussion Series* (reading group intro & kickoff) with Cindy Peña {Houston} and Rachel Vogel {Suplex - Houston}

AFTER THE WEEKEND

Art Work: A Reading and Discussion series with Cindy Peña and Rachel Vogel will meet 4 times.

Charge will literally build its own table within **Round 44: Shattering the Concrete: Artists, Activists, and Instigators** curated by **Raquel de Anda** @ Project Row Houses March 26 - June 19, 2016

Sunday, April 3 7-9 PM Charge co-organizer Carrie Schneider moderates the closing panel on the arts and alternative economies featuring Mel Chin, Rick Lowe, and M. NourbeSe Philip @ **Alternative Economies, Resilient Communities** symposium @ **Rothko Chapel** March 31 - April 3, 2016

GRANT

The \$10 registration fee for *Charge* 2016 will fund *charge* grant.

All Charge 2016 participants will be invited to submit proposals for *charge* grant following the event.

The grantee will be selected via online voting open to all charge participants.

ONLINE

Houston Area Artists Report Survey Launch!

>>>**The Present Group** - Compensation Foundation
(Supported in 2014 by [Fresh Arts](#))

The Compensation Foundation is an online platform for collecting, sharing, and analyzing how contingent workers are compensated

Please fill out the [The Houston Area Artists Report](#), which focuses on gathering anonymous compensation data directly from individual visual artists. It aims to make evident the current landscape of support for artists while the city of Houston embarks to determine the future of that support.

Charge 2016 is co-organized by Jennie Ash and [Carrie Schneider](#) and presented by Art League Houston
Charge is inspired by [Valuing Labor in the Arts: A Practicum](#) organized by Helena Keeffe and Shannon Jackson
at [The Arts Research Center \(ARC\)](#) at UC Berkeley
The first iteration of Charge took place in [November 2014](#).

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The mission of Art League Houston is to connect the community through diverse, dynamic, and creative experiences that bring people together to see, make, and talk about contemporary visual art.

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