

# The Alternative City

## A think, make and play residency

### 24-30 September 2018

#### TheSchool.City x De Makelarij

#### CALL

The School invites 100 creative nomads to join for a 1 week residency in the city of Tongeren, Belgium. An alternative city is in the make, the abandoned military Ambiorix barracks form the perfect test space to rethink the city of today for the future. 1 Week, 3 actions.

1. Think: What provides home to creative nomads?
2. Make: Can a gate form an alternative invitation to enter a city?
3. Play: How can we activate the other side of a city?

Join us for 1 week and help the local community and makers in reshaping a formerly abandoned building and the concept it needs.

Accommodation provided, free participation, hands on DIY community residency, positive attitude towards the act of giving, urban safari and BBQs.

Festive end weekend, with workshops, performances and exhibitions, showing off the collaborative results via publications and more.

Say yes, join us and spread this call!

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#### What

Just outside the city center and in walking distance from the railway station of Tongeren, a tiny community is waiting for a new boost across the street.

Ambiorixkazerne is a formerly abandoned military site, where in one building a city collective De Makelarij has started in cleaning up and installing ateliers, small businesses. They look at the oldest city of Belgium from a tiny distance, and rethink their role, and their approach to crafts and retail, horeca and arts.

The School wants to support this initiative and give it an extra boost, compact energy in think, make and play, in service to the local community and this beautiful barracks, soon to be a tiny city experiment.

The School is an organisation that invites interdisciplinary creatives to collaborate and redesign/improve the city as we know it. The act of giving is crucial, the method is a participative movement and collaboration between locals and externals. It is about learning, being humble and turning an urban challenge into positive and celebrating that moment of presentation of results.

One week, how could we change the dna of this building and surroundings, and the relationship between locals and their city? How can we form a place for nomadic creatives. How can we rethink the way we view a city? How can we start a new way of urban sharing.

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#### Week

The programme is conceived to learn and to build a network of super energy.

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Saturday or Sunday 22/23  
Early arrival is possible

Monday 24  
Welcome and intro  
Talk: Creative Nomads Living  
Sketch session 1: The Gate  
Sketch session 2: The Room  
Sketch session 3: The Performance

Tuesday 25  
Team A: Build The Gate  
Team B: Build The Room  
Team C: Build The Performance

Wednesday 26  
Team A: Decorate The Gate  
Team B: Decorate The Room  
Team C: Decorate The Performance

Thursday 27  
Prepare the Ambiorixkazerne for the presentation weekend/festival  
BBQ Celebration night of being ready to rock and roll

Friday 28  
18-24h Opening night

Saturday 29  
12-18h Exhibition, talks and performances

Sunday 30  
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#### How

'De Ambiorixkazerne' is a location with lots of potential, also being protected by De Makelarij from the usual housing development. This can become a place for the community and the makers of the future city. A common and alternative city if you wish.

In this short track and explosive residency, we provide the basics, as if you would be camping, but indoors. Field beds, clean rooms and toilets, all like it was when the military used to live here not so long ago. Like with scouts, teams swap places and form the kitchen and its delicious breakfast and meals of the day, a circular working community for a week.

What to bring? Sleeping bag, pillow, towel and tooth brush. Backpack creatives are on the right place.

What does this residency provide? Material, groceries, elementary kitchen, field beds, power, wifi.

What does this residency serve? Learning process, network of 100 people in 1 week, workshops, talks, city explorations, exhibitions, performances, party, surrounded by city on one side and nature on the other

Application: send an email to [info@theschool.city](mailto:info@theschool.city) with name, tel nr, disciplines, crafts and art experiences, last city you have lived + one answer to: What makes you a creative nomad?

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