Visual Assembly Guidelines

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03 Values

We defined our values for the visual assembly by discussing and summarising values that each person came up with.

Our Values:

Mutual Aid (Support in definition)

- Giving (without expectation, non transactional interaction)
- Community
- Empathy
- replicable /co-creators

Trust

(creating the space that allows people to develop trust with one another)

- how do we implement action to create/build trust? what does that look like?
- leave space for mistakes
- healthy conflict resolution

Curiosity

- Creativity
- Fun / Silliness

No Hierarchy (Flat organizational structure) (We all learn from each other)

- Respect: Patience with everyone, active listening
- egalitarianism/equity: "From each according to his ability, to each according to his needs"
- actively trying to address barriers to people's participation

04 Definitions

Whats a visual assembly?

A visual assembly is a participatory democratic event in which people can discuss relevant issues or make decisions collectively, where all voices are heard and valued equally and no person or group are able to dominate the process.

What is care?

We are thinking of care not in terms of being kind or charitable; instead, we see care as being and working in ways that are fair, inclusive, and in solidarity with the most vulnerable. This mean humans, non-humans and the environment. We think about care as a way to fight the current value's system

What is a curriculum?

Now, when we say curriculum, we are referring to the activities, clases, people and spaces involved in education.