



# GENERATION SNOWSTORM - FAQS

## **DO I HAVE TO BE AN "ACTIVIST"?**

Not at all! No experience necessary and any experience welcome. We're not sure what 'activist' means anyway.

## **WILL WE BE STUCK INDOORS ALL DAY?**

No way. We'll do a range of stuff - some inside in our workshop space, some outside.

## **DO I HAVE TO ATTEND FOR THE FULL TWO WEEKS?**

We strongly encourage you to come for the full 8 days (broken up over two 4-day weeks) but we realise that sometimes stuff comes up. Everything we'll be doing is voluntary - it's always your call if you want to take part.

If you want to come to the course but know that you have something unmovable booked in on one or part of one of the days, get in touch - we'll try and figure something out.

## **WILL THERE BE FOOD?**

There'll be veggie and vegan food provided at lunchtimes and tea / coffee / fruit / biscuits throughout the day.

## **WILL MY TRAVEL BE COVERED?**

Provided you don't book a party Hummer to and from the venue, we'll cover your transport.

## **IS THE VENUE ACCESSIBLE?**

The daytime workshop space has lifts and accessible toilets for wheelchair users. The optional evening activities are in a variety of community spaces with varying levels of accessibility. Please let us know your access needs, and we'll let you know how we can meet them.

## **WHAT ARE THE OPTIONAL EVENING ACTIVITIES?**

Each Tuesday and Thursday of the summer school we've got late afternoon / evening performances and events including live action animation, woodcut and printmaking, music / poetry performance, as well as a pizza and film night. You're welcome to do your own thing for a couple of hours between 4pm and 6pm, or hang out with us in a chill space with food.

## **WHAT IF I FIND GROUP STUFF CHALLENGING OR START FEELING BAD PART WAY THROUGH?**

We've designed each day to be quite short, have good lengths of breaks and a decent lunch. We've also booked some breakout space at our workshop venue (which also happens to be right next to a lovely park) so if you need to take a bit of time out during the



activities you can do. In addition to that, there'll always be a member of the team on hand if you need to talk about something outside of the main group.

### ***WHAT IF I'M ALREADY FEELING OVERWHELMED/BURNED-OUT BY THE THINGS I DO TO CHANGE THE WORLD?***

A massive part of this course is about how we engage in action to change the world in ways that don't leave us feeling burned out, stressed or disillusioned. In fact, it's our aim to look at ways in which action for change can itself bring us to life and help us feel more hopeful and connected. Whether you're new to social action or already engaged but not really feeling it, we think this course is for you.

### ***WHO ARE THE FACILITATORS?***

The facilitators are Yaz Brien, Nate Eisenstadt and Charlotte Randomly.

Yaz (they/them) works with individuals experiencing domestic abuse, homelessness, addiction and mental health. They've been involved in queer, anti-racist and feminist organising for many years, and have a monthly show on Ujima Radio.

Nate (he/him) is a researcher at University of Bristol interested in social movement practice, gender and masculinity. Outside of the university he works with activist/radical groups around communication, conflict and personal/group sustainability.

Charlotte (she/her) has worked at OTR since 2008, originally joining the team as a support worker. She is the instigator of their Resilience Lab project and acts as OTR's team leader for health promotion.

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