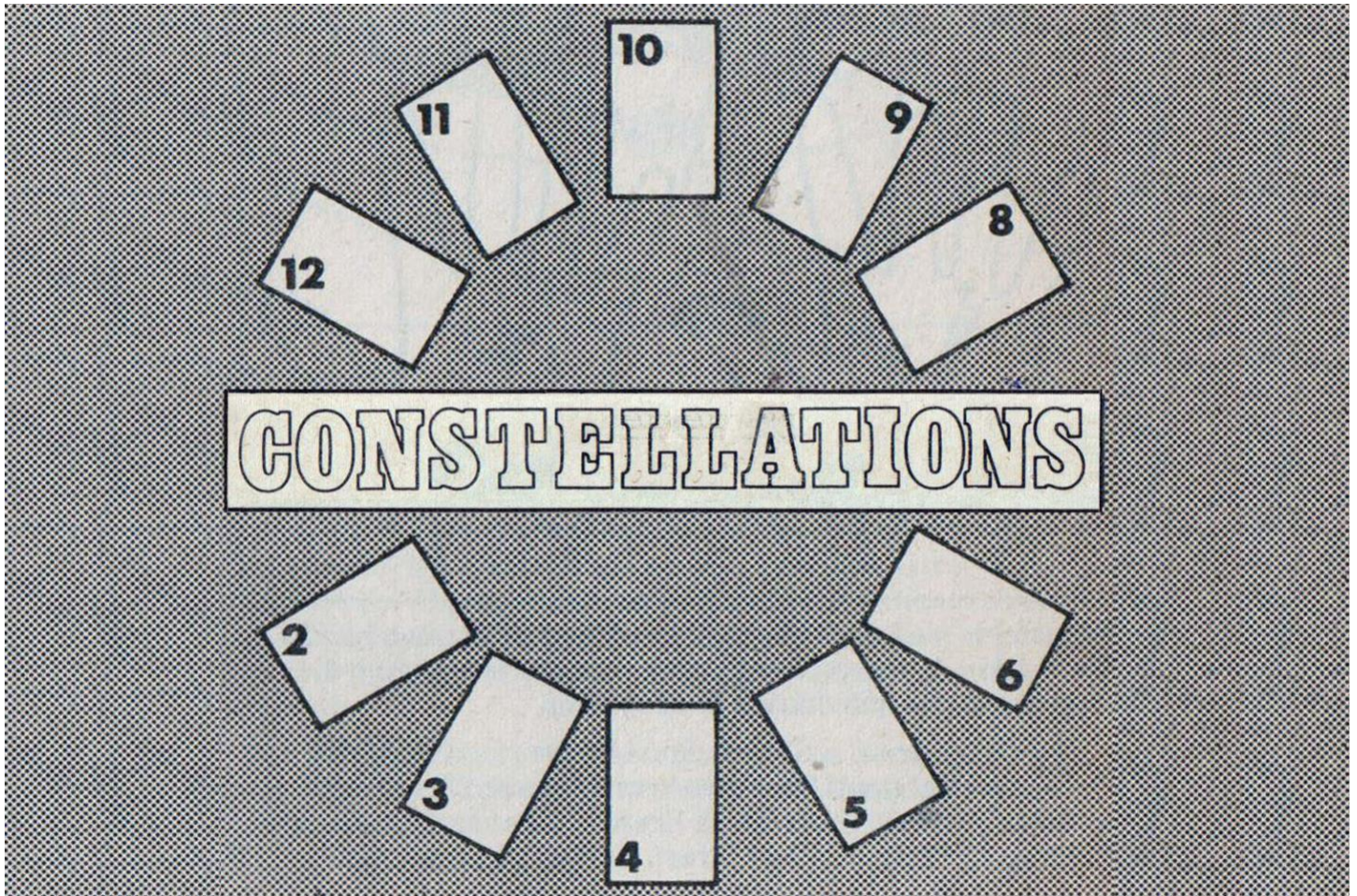


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PROJECTS



Constellations Circle

MEMBERS INFORMATION PACK



CONSTELLATIONS CIRCLE – MEMBERSHIP SUGGESTED DONATION £125

UP Projects (Charity no. 1170960) curates and commissions contemporary art for public places. We believe in working collaboratively with artists and communities, and since 2002 we have commissioned over 50 public artworks engaging millions of people. From temporary to permanent, our projects have been delivered with artists such as Yinka Shonibare, Pablo Bronstein, Sonia Boyce and Hannah Black often involving genuine and robust community engagement.

We would like to invite you to become a member of our Constellations Circle and support the next generation of artists in their career development. Your donation will help us deliver a pioneering artist learning and skills development programme, *Constellations*. Providing much needed opportunities for artists developing socially engaged practices within public contexts, *Constellations*, is a strategic programme designed to enable artists to explore best practice and test out new methodologies for community engagement and collaboration.

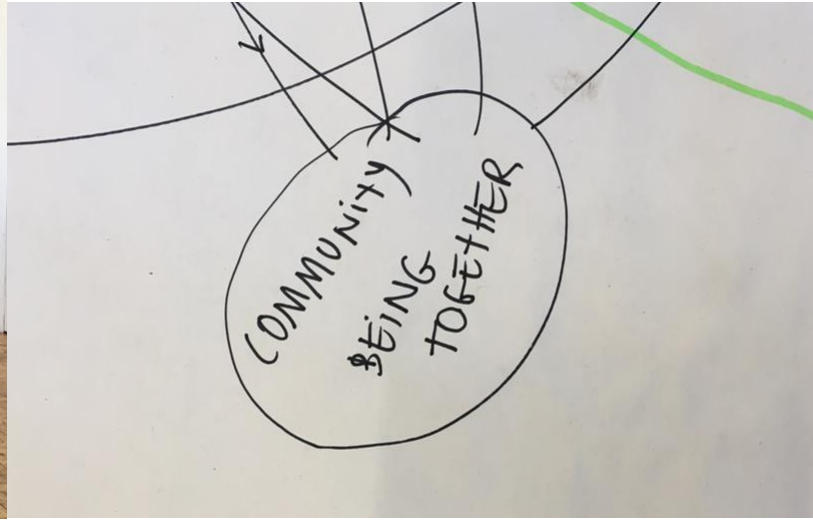
ENCOURAGING THE NEXT GENERATION OF ARTISTS

UP Projects is committed to ensuring diverse artists can participate, providing equal opportunities as well as travel and accommodation expenses for artists from a broad range of backgrounds across the country. *Constellations*, responds directly to the lack of research and development programmes in the UK and internationally, focusing on providing opportunities for the development of skills for artists working in socially engaged arts and cultural practice; skills that are increasingly in demand and called upon by regeneration and wellbeing initiatives.

We believe that now more than ever, due to the devastating impact of Covid-19, it is vital to continue to offer opportunities for artists to develop and expand their practice. Participation in *Constellations* has proven to enable artists to grow in confidence and develop new skills that lead to new opportunities.

The new 2020 programme will be taking place online, at least initially, and will also consider the digital realm as a platform for collaboration, engagement, and exchange as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Selected through an open call, a group of eight artists participate in an eight-month programme which develops through a series of self-led and artist-led workshops and ends with a final public event devised and presented by the group.



“Having a socially-engaged art practice means that the concerns of your practice sit outside both artistic and social work. Constellations bridges this very important gap by creating space to discuss what it means to work with people as an artist”.
Constellations Artist Alumna 2018

YOUR SUPPORT - CONSTELLATIONS CIRCLE

By donating and becoming a supporter of *Constellations*, your contribution will enable a much needed programme that gives artists:

- Tools to engage with project participants, co-producers, communities and wider audiences.
- Opportunities to understand the breadth of socially engaged practice and its role in the cultural ecology.
- A network of peers who can continue to collectively and critically engage with this chosen field.

Depending on your tax status your donation may be eligible for Gift Aid, providing a further 25% on top of your donation to support UP Projects.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS (£125 per annum suggested donation)

It costs UP Projects £7,250 per artist to deliver *Constellations* and we firmly believe that artists should not be charged a fee to participate. Not only will your donation enable us to continue to offer the opportunity to artists free of charge as well as offer travel and accommodation expenses to all artists that need them, but you will also have access to the following benefits:

- Acknowledgement as a supporter on UP Projects' website.
- A regular *Constellations* e-newsletter featuring project updates and insights.
- Opportunity to attend the *Constellations* final event, gaining behind the scenes access and a chance to meet the participating artists.
- Invitations for you and a guest to attend UP Projects VIP Previews and Events

We would be delighted to discuss how your donation supports our work – To find out more please contact Elisabeth Del Prete, elisabeth@upprojects.com / 020 7377 9677

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