

Alternative Spaces

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Tips For Starting a DIY Alternative Space

Identify Your Needs

- Studio Space?
 - What are the needs of the individuals involved?
- Work Shop Space?
 - How is the space use divided?
- Exhibition Space?
 - Is it just for the artists involved? What is your target audience?
- Be Mindful of Desired Skills When Approaching Collaborators
 - Computer Person
 - Construction Person
 - Art Scene Maven
 - Detail Person
 - Energetic Exciter

Location- Largely determined by Budget

- Is It Accessible?
 - Parking? Transit Access?
- Are There Other Cultural or Social Centers Around?
- Are there Lumber Yards, Hardware Stores, and Art Supply Stores Close By?

Organization- This Is Key!

- Identify Expectations for All Involved.
- Try To Have Protocol for Each Group Task
- Monthly Meetings With Agendas, Minutes, and Delegating Tasks
- How are Bills Divided? How Will You Be Reimbursed For Out of Pocket Expenses?

Build Out- We Recommend Raw Space Over Spaces That Need Demolition

- Flexibility is Key!
 - Movable Walls
 - Built in Storage
 - Back Drywall With Plywood
 - Screws Instead of Nails
 - Movable Lighting

Etcetera

- Can You Partner With Other Organizations?
- What Can You Glean From Relationships You Already Have?

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