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Junior Office Manual



Office for Small Decision Making (OfSDM)
Office Manual 27.06.2022
First Office Meeting
Almost all Office Members in attendance
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*The Office Rules were decided with the small decision making method:
Sit down with one or multiple people; get a drink, alcoholic or non-
alcoholic; start talking, keep talking, take time and space. Or don't.
Decisions should stay small, yet repercussions should be big. Or won't.
The scale is small, not irrelevant. Relevance can be big, in a small way.
As long as you sit down with one or multiple people; get a drink,
alcoholic or non-alcoholic; grab a cigarette or a joint or just breathe;
start talking, keep talking, take time and space. Or don't. Agree,
disagree, agree
to disagree, change your mind or convince someone. Take a break.
You might take a small decision, or multiple ones even. It will change
your mind. Or not. As long as you start talking, take time and space;
sit down, with one or multiple people. Or don't.*



ARTICLE I——TIMELINE

The OfSDM will be a short intense period of work.

There will be an opening and two weekends, during which the Office will operate, run by members and its clients, as required by PLAN B.



ARTICLE II—SMALL CHAIRS

The OfSDM's collection of small chairs has been donated by artist CARMEN GRAY on the occasion of the 2022 OfSDM hosted at PLAN B.

The small chairs will be showcased during OfSDM operations, activated by office members and clients.

The hunt for the OfSDM's small chairs and how they have been transported has been filmed.

Clients will determine the destination of the small chairs as they are donated to them. A way to reflect on the question: "what happens when collectivity ends?". Spreading the collection is the only way for the collection to survive.

The small chairs will be hung on the wall available for members and clients to put in the space and use.

CARMEN GRAY's motivation gathering the small chairs and donating them will only be made available members and clients as a brochure, leaflet, booklet or other printed media. The origin story focuses on the small decisions that have led to the Small Chair Collection by CARMEN GRAY gathering.

The small chairs will all have a civil registration tag on them, proof of authenticity. The tag will be visible to the office members and clients.

The small chairs are the space of the OfSDM.

The collecting of small chairs is a small way to grow big in any space.

The small chairs of the OfSDM have a bratty attitude.

An artistic transaction is to donate to the office what some artists donate to the museums.

The small chairs will be introduced, their authenticity presented and then clients and office members vulgarise them: sit on them, drink beers on them, have a discussion and make small decisions.

The gathering of the Small Chair Collection in Plan B creates a specific space, that of the OfSDM.

Sharing the small chair obsession is like sharing any other obsession. It is a way to have more people spotting them. It creates a community around that new awareness. It broadens the area of things that one thinks about.

Interview with CARMEN GRAY to know more about her narrative in relation to the Small Chair Collection. Our benefactor's story. The Office wants to avoid making the collection unrelatable to clients and frame it in relation to the OfSDM.



ARTICLE III—GRAPHICS

One or more stack of papers can be found in the office with the same print as a symbol for Small Decision Making.



ARTICLE IV—IMAGERY

The Office will take photos and film the occasions at which the Office will be in operation by the office members and clients.



ARTICLE V——ARCHIVE

Every meeting of the OfSDM amongst almost all its office members will be recorded, transcribed, tempered with, re-edited, updated and published as part of the OfSDM archive.



ARTICLE VI——MEETING PROTOCOL

Prepare a list of small-decision-making-discussions.

Create a group chat for the OfSDM.

Feel fried.

Get a falafel on Dapperstraat.



ARTICLE VII——POLITICS

A “no land” generation, where “small chair owners” are daydreamers in a generation of no-landers. Not turned to the future, where the possession of a Small Chair Collection would be unrealistic.

The OfSDM is to be small in a big way.

Being small can be a (very big) political step.