

The unMonasterian's expectation management primer

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What is it like to live and work out of an unMonastery? Nobody knows, because it's never been done. This document is a best effort attempt at clarifying what you can reasonably expect as you join unMonastery Matera in winter-spring 2014.

Tolerate messiness (you can make it better!)

To date, the unMonastery has been exclusively a concept. You will join the first-ever prototype instance of that concept: we're essentially building from the ground up. If you join this process then you will be playing a fundamental role in establishing its foundations. This is exciting , but it implies you should expect it to be messy and imperfect.

Take charge

The unMonastery is a low resource project ([budget\(http://edgeryders.eu/unmonastery/unmonastery-matera-budget\)](http://edgeryders.eu/unmonastery/unmonastery-matera-budget)) - which follows the EdgeRyders ethos of "if you do not build it yourself, it will not get built" and the unMonastery stone soup methodology "if you come without your own ingredients and no desire to cook, then it's just rocks and cold water for dinner". Part of the experience is to learn how to make do: as an unMonasterian, you fully understand that you, of all people, can't make demands on the unMonastery beyond those outlined in the call for residencies (travel reimbursement, accommodation, per diem, small allowance for materials, social role as the city's innovator-in-residence). *There is no unMonastery as a separate entity.* The unMonastery is you and your fellow unMonasterians. Growing it as a healthy institution is your collective responsibility and nobody else's.

Share a (beautiful) room

Unlike traditional monasteries, this iteration will not feature [cells\(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matera\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matera), instead it'll be more like small dorms/shared rooms with 2 to 5 people each ([building plan\(http://edgeryders.eu/unmonastery/the-unmonastery-the-space-and-co-design-in-matera\)](http://edgeryders.eu/unmonastery/the-unmonastery-the-space-and-co-design-in-matera)). Room assignment will be sorted out by the unMonasterian brethren on site. Living, working, eating and sleeping together can be an intense experience, particularly when there's 10+ of us - like other aspects of the project we'll have to figure out how this works, but it's important to say this style of living is probably not for everyone.

Make the most of your unAbbott

[Ben Vickers\(http://edgeryders.eu/users/ben\)](http://edgeryders.eu/users/ben) is one of the originators of the unMonastery concept and is to be Matera's unAbbott - note the 'un' in the title, this role isn't about

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do so to forward that goal. You are expected to work with us, even if that means occasionally putting the well-being of anything troubles you in your experience in the ill try to sort you out. Conversely, should you come to be and peace of mind of other unMonasterians, the unAbbott n and ask you to leave.

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reached its conclusion; the collective journey towards this become a source of valuable knowledge. While the era prototype require that these precepts evolve at an upon both historical monastic practice and the traditions of our life rhythms and decision making processes.

is and work load, we shall perhaps approach the model of Only our development is of the collective self. Aspects inevitably be dropped at the door. Work is to be done.

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