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Interdependencies Perspectives on Care and Resilience*

'Interdependencies'* is an art show and lasts from Saturday 7 October 2023 to Sunday 21 January 2024.

*Interdependencies means that people or things are linked to each other in some way.

*Care means helping or looking after someone.

*Resilience means being able to handle a difficult situation.

People, society and institutions all depend on each other. How do we deal with illness, health and disability? How can we help each other? And how do we make sure that everyone has the same access everywhere? «Interdependencies» is looking into some of these questions.

'Interdependencies' is a group exhibition. This means that the art show is presenting works of art made by several artists.

WE ARE SHOWING ARTWORKS MADE BY 14 ARTISTS

- Adina Pintilie
- Carmen und Antonio Papalia
- Carolyn Lazard
- Ezra Benus
- Grace Ndiritu
- Jesse Luke Darling
- Johanna Hedva
- Lauryn Youden
- Maryam Jafri
- Rory Pilgrim
- Sharona Franklin
- the vacuum cleaner and collaborators
- Alina Szapocznikow
- Marijke van Warmerdam

WHAT IS THE EXHIBITION ABOUT?

The way we care for each other has changed over the last few years. We felt this change particularly during the time of COVID-19. Many people were lonely or became ill. And some people were treated unfairly. The conditions at work have become more difficult.

People with a disability or with a long-lasting illness suffer from these changes more than others. This was already the case before COVID-19. But now, the effects have become even clearer.

THE SAME CARE FOR ALL PEOPLE

We do not care very well for some people. Their life is harder than the life of others. For example: disabled persons, women, queer* persons, persons from non-western cultures or people of colour.

The artists of this exhibition wish that all people are treated fairly. All people should be a part of society. How can we make this happen? With their works of art, the artists show how.

*Queer is a term for people whose sexuality and/or gender is different from the norm.

THREE KINDS OF CARE

There are different ways to care for each other. How do the artists show this in their art? The following examples explain how.

SELF-CARE

We all want to stay healthy, and we all want to feel well. So, we look after ourselves and care for our own health. This is also known as 'self-care'.

But worldwide, many people do not have the time and the money to care for themselves. This is unfair.

- This is what Maryam Jafri is presenting in an installation called «Depression»: The wellness industry sells Chinese medicine, for example: acupuncture.
- This is what Ezra Benus is looking at: What is the link between illness, money and poverty? And what does sex have to do with care?

POLITICAL CARE

We can try to make the world a fairer place through politics. Artists can show us: This is not going well in our society.

- This is what two brothers, Carmen and Antonio Papalia, do not like: The pharma industry is very powerful. So, the two brothers make their own pain killers with Cannabis.
- This is what Sharona Franklin is unhappy with: The government pays much less money for natural medicines than for drugs made by the pharma industry. Sharona Franklin also speaks up for disabled persons or persons with a long-lasting illness. Our society often treats such people poorly.
- This is what Carolyn Lazard is showing: At hospitals, doctors and nurses take the pain of black persons less seriously than the pain of white persons.

COLLECTIVE CARE

If we want everyone to have a good life, we must look after each other together. Everyone needs to help: Societies, institutions, every single person. This is known as 'collective care', which means: We all must feel with others and show solidarity for each other.

*A raft is a flat boat,
mostly made out of wood

- Rory Pilgrim's artwork is called 'Rafts*'. He wanted to know: How do people do in the time of climate crisis? To find out, Rory Pilgrim worked with a group of people.
- the vacuum cleaner shows the problems in psychiatric care. He also shows how art can help people. For his artwork, the artist teamed up with young people from the 'Coborn Centre for Adolescent Mental Health'.

CARING SPACE

The Caring Space is a space for you. Here, you can take a break from everyday life. What are your experiences and thoughts about 'Care'?

Feel free to talk about this with others or write your ideas down.