

A MEETING ON "ART AND DISABILITY" TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, TO CELEBRATE THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

LABoral Centro de Arte will also organise the workshop *Animo*, intended for people with special needs, from the 9th to the 12th of December.

A meeting on "Arte y Discapacidad" ["Art and Disability"] will be held on this coming Wednesday, December 3rd, to celebrate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. Organised by the Asturian Agency for Disability dependent on the Regional Ministry of Social Welfare, the Hervidero Cultural Association and in collaboration with LABoral Centro de Arte y Creación Industrial, the day's activities will help foster communal programmes of common interest in the fields of art and disability, whether they involve tools, education and evolution, professionalisation, dissemination or integration. The organised events are sponsored by The Royal Board on Disability and the Embassy of the Netherlands.

The meeting "Arte y Discapacidad" will be held from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM in Gallery 2 of Laboral Ciudad de la Cultura. The programme includes the presentation of the following projects:

- *Herenplaats*: Richard Bennaars. Presentation of the study project financed by the Pameijer Foundation in Rotterdam. www.herenplaats.nl
- *Debajo del sombrero*: Lola Barrera will present the Project that has been developed in the Matadero and in La Casa Encendida in workshops concerned with "Art and Disability." www.debajodelsombbrero.org
- Mari Sol Álvarez, member of the collective El Hervidero, will present *El termómetro* and the Exchange program with Rotterdam, as well as the work of Asturian artists in all fields, independent of their physical, intellectual, psychical or social condition. www.espacioliquido.net.
- *TECURA*. Presentation of the results of the workshops given in LABoral Centro de Arte y Creación Industrial on the platform that functions as a digital painting application apt for people with different capacities of all ages.

In general, this event is intended for people of all walks of life; in particular, it is intended for artistic institutions (museums, galleries, cultural centres), contemporary art professionals (critics, researchers) and foundations and institutions working in the field of disability or mental illness.

The Asturian Agency for Disability and El Hervidero have also organised the exhibition *From inside/Desde Dentro*, whose inauguration will be held

at 7:00 PM in the Espacio Líquido Gallery in Gijón. In this exhibition, which will be open until December 17th, El Hervidero will bring together an exceptional group of art works by five artists coming from the "Herenplaats" art studio in Rotterdam. This exhibition aims to open dialogue and bring awareness to the high value and need for dissemination of artistic educational projects for people with intellectual disabilities.

At the same time, in celebration of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, LABoral Centro de Arte y Creación Industrial has organised a workshop intended for people with special needs. The workshop *Animo* will be held in the art centre from the 9th to the 12th of December, sponsored by the Royal Board on Disability. For five days, from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM, the workshop – to be given by Utani – will offer participants the chance to construct familiar concepts by means of an audiovisual animation mechanism. Utani is an artistic collective that operates on the frontier territory between the audiovisual, programming and digital technology. Its members define themselves as "contenders for improving people's day to day lives. We make useful, simple and nice ideas into reality for different groups and different social needs."

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