

Decolonize LA - Call for Participation

- Please email decolonizela2016@gmail.com if you have any questions; we're happy to help as you put together your application.

What does decolonizing mean to you?

What does decolonizing LA look like?

How can we use our bodies, our words, our thoughts and actions — to activate space, the land, to confront dominant structures?

In the spring of 2016, HRLA will support projects and host events that explore what it means to Decolonize LA.

What kind of projects are we looking for? Who should apply? Where can this happen?

What	Who	Where
workshops, seminars, talks engagements and actions visual art of any kind performance dance and movement experimental and interdisciplinary dialogues queerings walking tours acts of solidarity interventions noise deep listening	activists/organizers, artists, activists cultural workers, producers and makers people outside of art school circuits people who have never shown in/been to an art space educators of any kind people who have experienced public education prison abolitionists people who know incarceration people with a history of collaborating with their community	street corners freeways rivers & lakes community centers digital space/media HRLA on the page podcast/streaming

When	Events — between late March and mid-May. In May, HRLA will host an installation/exhibition/convergence. Where appropriate, proposals for installation/object-based work may be considered for that show.
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Proposals due Feb 15, with notification by March 7.

ABOUT THIS PROJECT and PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

About this project

Since October 2014, HRLA has committed itself to supporting conversation about institutional racism within the art world, and to understanding the practices and experiences of unsettling cultural structures that divide, isolate and marginalize especially people of color. These conversations, held under the title "[decolonizing the white box](#)", have evolved into an open call for participation in a three-month series of events called Decolonize LA. Help us to imagine what this might be.

In April and May we will gather and share practices that unsettle power structures, and that highlight existing creative, organizational and critical practices that re-make Los Angeles. These practices may be arts-based, or they might take the shape of community organization, activist intervention, radical education. You are invited to propose an action, an artwork, or they might offer to share their ongoing practice through a workshop. In May, HRLA will host a convergence — exhibiting work, documentation of events and hosting conversation about this experiment.

*Note: We recognize that the term "decolonize" is a complex one, with roots in Chicana feminist, indigenous and postcolonial writings and activism. Some people committed to the political spirit of this project may, in fact, resist this term as itself predicated on a settler context. We welcome the questioning of the terms through which people understand this work.

Please respond to the questions below, and email your proposal to:

You may paste your response into the body of your email, or attach this document as a word document or as a PDF.

1. Individual, group, or organization name and contact information.
2. What are you proposing? An event? A workshop? Artwork that might be included in a short exhibition? (Short answer 1-2 sentences)
 - *If you are proposing artwork, please describe any technical needs, and if you need help accessing equipment etc. (Ignore if not relevant.)
 - *If you are proposing an event, please describe the event's location and material needs.
3. How does this project "decolonize" LA? What does the term mean to you? If you prefer other words when it comes to naming your intentions, what are they?
4. How does this project relate to your community? to your previous life/work/experience?
5. We have modest funding, and can provide up to \$500 of support for the realization of some proposals. How would you use such funds? Please be specific, as this may help us to understand your project.
6. OPTIONAL: Share anything else that you would like us to know about your proposal.

QUESTIONS?

Need help putting together a proposal?
We're here to help, please contact:

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