

MADE WITHOUT PERMISSION

CURATED BY BAFALW

13–22 SEPTEMBER 2024

Opening 12 September | 6–9pm
Mon–Sun | 12–6pm

STAFFORDSHIRE ST

Staffordshire St presents Made Without Permission curated by Bamidele Awoyemi, Farouk Agoro & Livia Wang, known collectively as bafalw. Taking place across ten days in September, Made Without Permission is part of London Design Festival 2024.

Throughout our lives we're negotiating and interacting with spaces. Not just physically, but also on a cultural and emotional level. In a place like London, ideas of community are traditionally presented through places that are granted to us or we're given limited access to. But what about the spaces we make for ourselves? The ones sitting on the edge of what is allowed and permitted? What are the approaches, adaptations or small acts we make to create a sense of ownership and belonging within the environments we navigate?

Made Without Permission brings together and celebrates a language of intervening in our shared spaces by 'making it ourselves'—greatly influenced by the different diasporas and communities that come together in our city.

Bringing together the work and practice of designers, collectives, artists, groups and individuals alongside day-to-day rituals and everyday moments the ground floor Staffordshire St will be 'occupied'. Over the course of the festival it will act as an active space to discover, relax and enjoy along with a range of different workshops and events.

Brixton Community Cinema will be turning the exhibition into a cinema space, and a symposium led by Peckham Platform will delve into the connections between architectural and urban design, social policy, and the experiences of the UK's post-war working class and Black diasporic communities. There will be a community day offering curator tours and yummy eats provided by Mean Green Foods, as well as building workshops taking place throughout the exhibition duration.

"We are a collective of designers, artists and curators that have an ambition to collaborate with different groups, specialists, and communities in the projects we do. While still sharing backgrounds in architecture, our work crosses into other disciplines of art, film, exhibition design, education, programming, curation, writing and collective acts/practices."

– Bamidele Awoyemi, Farouk Agoro & Livia Wang (bafalw)

Made Without Permission becomes the second exhibition to take place at Staffordshire St as part of



the London Design Festival, which celebrates and promotes the city as a design capital on the global stage.

In 2019, the Festival welcomed a record-breaking 600,000 individual visitors from over 75 countries. Celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2022, London Design Festival now moves into a new decade, celebrating how it has played a key role in the growth of the design industry bolstering London's position as a global destination for business, culture and tourism, and contributed to the UK's reputation as a creative powerhouse. As one of the world's leading design events, the Festival has also served as the blueprint for design weeks and festivals globally and continues to be a key moment on the cultural calendar.

EVENTS

MADE WITHOUT PERMISSION: OPENING

Thursday 12 September | 6–9pm | STST Presents

Join us for the opening of *Made Without Permission*. Celebrating a language of intervening in our shared spaces by 'making it ourselves'. Part of London Design Festival 2024. *Free*

MAKE A SEAT. TAKE A SEAT.

Saturday 14 September | 2–5pm | STST Makes

What's an exhibition without somewhere to sit? Join us for an afternoon of collectively making a series of simple stools and seating to be used in the space for the rest of the exhibition. *Free*

FABRIC PLAY

Sunday 15 September | 2–5pm | STST Makes

An afternoon of pattern making and block printing onto fabric with a selection of materials and shapes that were used to design and build the displays of the exhibition. Afterwards, the fabrics will be installed in the space to become part of the exhibition. *Free*

MEMORIES FOR THE FUTURE: SOCIAL ARCHITECTURE

Tuesday 17 September | 12:30 – 6pm | STST Presents

Peckham Platform curates an intimate symposium that delves into the connections between architectural and urban design, social policy, and the experiences of the UK's post-war working class and Black diasporic communities. *Free*

BRIXTON COMMUNITY CINEMA

Wednesday 18 September | 7pm– late | STST Lates

Brixton Community Cinema is a pop-up cinema, intended to bring affordable film to communities who face uneven access to arts institutions. They will be showing *Under Your Nose* by Veronica McKenzie, a documentary about the activists behind Peckham's Black Lesbian and Gay Centre in the 1980s. *PWYC*

ALL TOGETHER NOW!

Saturday 21 September | 12 – 6pm | STST Makes

A day of workshops, food and a chance to meet other members of our local community and beyond. Includes curator tours, poster and pattern making workshops and yummy eats by Mean Green Foods. *Free*



Staffordshire St is an independent, not-for-profit project space in Peckham, South East London. Championing emerging and under-represented artists, STST produce exhibitions, collaborative projects and live events alongside a learning programme of talks, screenings and workshops. We also provide affordable studios for artists, makers and designers. We aim to platform artists across disciplines to connect traditional mediums with those that challenge established hierarchies.

More information on upcoming events:

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