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A-Lab Forum: ARTE UTIL

Saturday, December 10, 2011, 2 - 4 PM

Crossing Art Gallery

136-17 39th Avenue at Main Street

Flushing, Queens-New York

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QMAD, Queens Media Arts Development, continues the presentation of A-Lab Forum in December. The program is a series of monthly discussions designed as an opportunity for artists, working in various media, to present their work, share their visions and ideas in relation to selected topics and concepts in the field of art production, collaboration, and critical thinking. Each forum consists of a presentation by selected artists, followed by a discussion period with attending audience. Participating artists are identified and invited by the curator / facilitator from a pull of entries for that month. Forums are open to the general public, and are free of charge.

A-Lab Forum: ARTE UTIL centers around the works of artists whose practice involves social and political engagement. Through actions, performances, situations, and in many instances the reference to the object(s), participating artists explore possible ways to bridge the gap between audiences and art experience. Taking as departure the notion of Arte Util (Useful Art), first introduced in the 1960's, the forum will open the dialogue to offer a possible re-formulation of ideas behind artistic creation, aesthetics, alternative narratives, and public participation. Selected artists were invited to present their work and share their approach, ideas and experimentation with art that can be found in the streets outside the white box of a gallery or museum setting.

Participating Artists: [Suzanne Broughel](#) [Tania Bruquera](#) [Aisha Cousins](#) [John Hawke](#) [Shani Peters](#)

Location & Directions: Crossing Art Gallery, 136-17 39th Avenue at Main Street, Flushing, NY. 7 train to Main Street Flushing. Walk one block on Main Street to 39th Ave (Opposite direction of the LIRR Overpass). Turn Right on 39th Ave & enter Queens Crossing (Large Glass Façade with Blue & Pink Flowers). Take the stairs or elevator to the Ground Floor. Phone: 212-359-4333.

About A-Lab: A-Lab is an artists' collective initiated by New-media artist, [Hector Canonge](#). From its inception in 2009, A-Lab's mission has been to promote and forge stronger collaborative projects for artists working and/or living in NYC. A-Lab is an independent initiative whose mission is to inform and assist artists in various aspects of their development. A-Lab's monthly meetings have been designed as a collaborative effort among artists to share resources, know-how, and experience to compete in the market place. In addition, A-Lab highly encourages and supports social activities to take place in local businesses and institutions in New York City. The convergence of the Arts and Community Building is another important component of the A-Lab as members can propose performances, shows, music gatherings, poetry readings, projections, public interventions, and more, in and around the various boroughs.

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Monthly presentations are hosted at [Crossing Art Gallery](#).

