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TALK FROM YOURSELF. BEING WITH THE WORK WITH RELATION



No peripheries
Only Alsoos

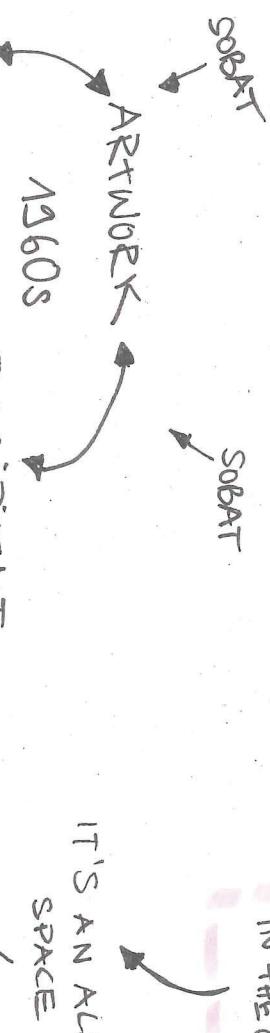
Undercracies

There is no general audience.
It is always specific

WHATSOEVER IS THE TOPIC

ALTERNATIVE
IS SOMETHING
IN THE CORNER

→ THERE IS NO JOB DESCRIPTION!



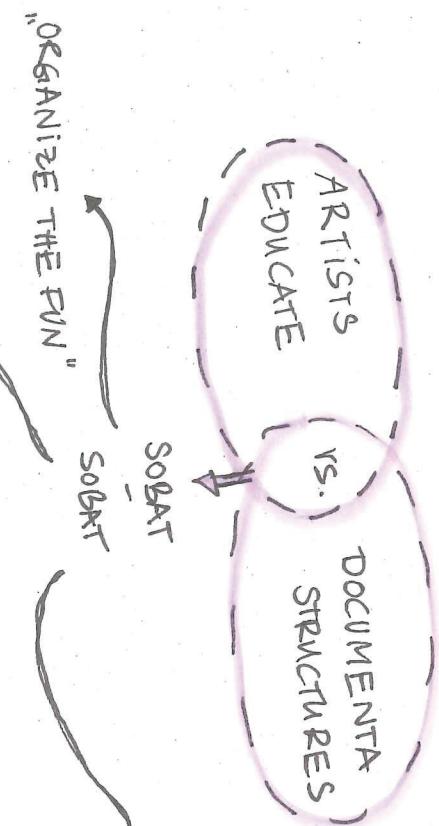
SOBART
SOBART

NON-SPACE

START FROM
YOURSELF

AND WHO ARE
YOU?

"TALK FROM YOUR PLACE?!"
"NOT FROM THE WORK!"



"ORGANIZE THE FUN"

"THERE IS NO WAY TO NOT
BE RELATED."

ISN'T IT FUNNY THAT WE

TALK ABOUT KNOWLEDGE

WHETHER THAN TALKING

ABOUT A STRUCTURE TO
SUPPORT EACH OTHER

DURING THE 100 DAYS?

ARTWORKS ARE SPECIFIC
NOT UNIVERSAL

WHAT
THIS IS
THE
FUTURE?

IT/THEY won't love
you back

DON'T OVEREXTEND

yourself

WHOM ELSE ARE YOU?

- SANS-
DISP TURNHAUSE

use the words I HAVE

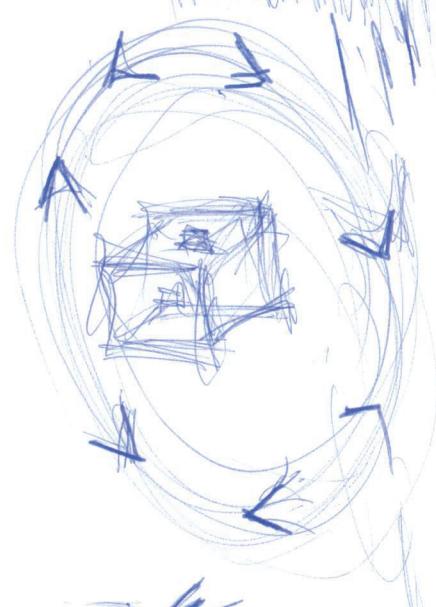
KNOWLEDGES ?
→ SITUATED
B.C.P.

Non-Self, my first [transl.]

Health
Well-being

also good

so good



good

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documenta giorni (good paper) hence
no space [alternativi]

Can you say yes or
no to your mother or can you say
yes or no to your father not from the outside
but from yourself not from the outside
grow into your soul
talk to each other just two known
artists pro review
what does it mean
just two known
artists pro review
knowledge driver
Really, I did not expect that
talk right now.
also - not experimental

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talk right now.
also - not experimental

15 + 2 = 17
12 - 2 = 10
10 + 5 = 15
15 - 5 = 10
10 - 2 = 8
8 - 2 = 6
6 - 2 = 4
4 - 2 = 2
2 - 2 = 0

knowledge driver
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HOW MUCH SALARY DO DIFFERENT DOCUMENTA EMPLOYERS of different departments EARN?

departe-
ments

Working
in a
covid test-
center:
I make
15€/h.
+ on
Sunday
20€/h!

How is it?
decided
12,50€

How to
pay two
rents
?



-precarious-

SAY

NO

TO

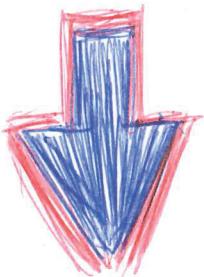
GOMUS

WE KNOW IT IS
PRECARIOUS

So

TALK ABOUT
SHARE
CHANGE

IT



GOOD IDEA, IF THERE WASN'T A

COLLISION

BÄM

g6mbH ruangmpa

BÄM

BÄM

Reinaart

ALSO = SPACE

vs. alternative
space

90s

AUGER



"no places"??

Sobat-sobat as
something else
as a tour guide

from Reinaart's
perspective

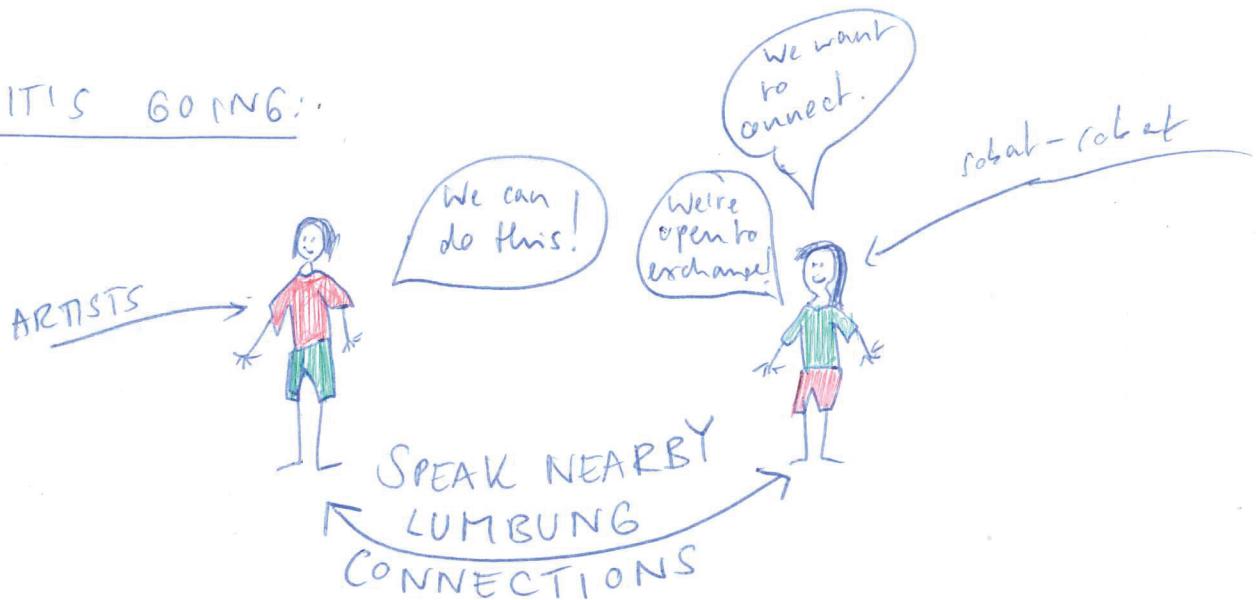
HOW IT STARTED:

IDEAS OF:

- MEDIATION
- EDUCATION

|| "THE >> ARTIST"

HOW IT'S GOING:



Also-Space (Alternative Space?)

IN THE SAME TIME

SOBAT - SOBAT
(Guest & Host)

FROM WHO
YOU ARE

What does
that mean
to be a
Sobat - Sobat
Who are you?

? Knowing!
Space ?

↳ The question of Alternative

Talk from
yourself!
Not from
the Art

||||| Audience? - ???
Who are you? Who are you? ...

CONTEXT
ART

NO!

„Es ist nicht wichtig
alles zu wissen...“

„What does it mean
to know everything“

„GO FOR PASSION!“



TOO FAST!

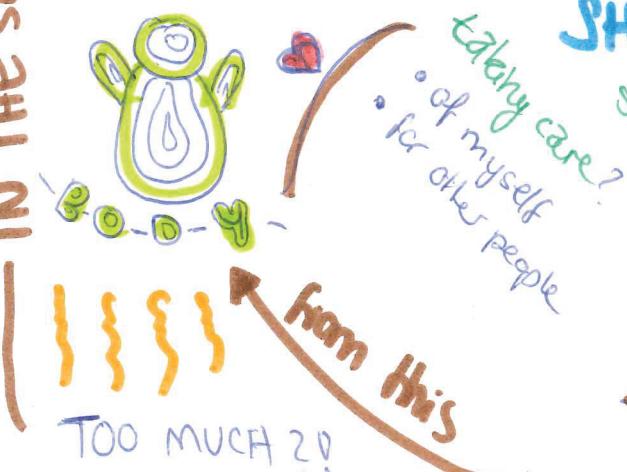
I need my
time...

IT'S
NOT
ENOUGH

Talk each other

Making mistakes

Take care each other



SHARE

be myself?

Sustainability?
well being?

knowledge
to feel
safe
What is
knowledge?

Create your
own Space

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"Alternative
Space"
in spaces

to be taken
to return

ALSO SPACES

→ a lot
of meaning
in spaces

QUESTION ABOUT
(THE 'ROLE'
OF 'SOBATS')
not from the art

talk from yourself!

AUDIENCE
LET THEM FEEL

to grow
in the tour

! general audience

| GUARDIAN
OF KNOWLEDGE

Self-exploitation
MENTAL HEALTH

BEING
HOSTS &
GUESTS AT
THE SAME TIME
IT.

WHAT CAN
LEARN FROM

There will be
"bad - tour - day"

EVERYTHING IS IN RELATION WITH SOMETHING AFTERWARDS

I FEEL LIKE OUR NONBERONG SPIRAL IS NOT A PRODUCTIVE ONE, BUT WE ONLY MAKE each other more nervous AND/OR DISSATISFIED

synthetic vs. symbiotic
synthetic vs. somatic
to return from non
to have an SV spiral
collective intelligence

THIS ARE STRUCTURE,
INDIVIDUAL PROBLEMS,
IN HOUSE ARE NOT IN,
HELP. ONLY POSSIBLE.
BUT WE DO THAT AND IT DOESN'T
WE HAVE TO + SHOW OUT PROBLEMS
WE ARE NOT TRANSFORMED.
ARE ONLY IDEAS AND
AROUND ALL THE TIME BUT
THESE IDEAS ARE FRACTION

WISHERS ARE HAPPY
WHICH DOESN'T MEAN AS LONG AS IT'S

DOCUMENTA AS **Space**
in 'Tradition' of last time
DOCUMENTA CURATORS
always want to be different
& subvert the 'old' documentas
Tradition of not being traditional

ALSO-SPACE

idk what this means,
missed the first few minutes,
and only thought this
needed a title

SAY NO
COMUS
(but also don't
be mad about)

MUCH EMATY
many questions
space

NOT EDUCATION BUT MEDIATION
ABOUT OUR OWN JOY

ABR WE CAN

FIGHT ONE GROWTH
OVER ?

NOT SELF-EXPLOITING

CONNECTION AS WAY
OF SUSTAINING HAPPINESS



BUT
Sometime connection is more toxic we have to be
able to take breaks too and distance ourselves
from the work & each other

We don't have to know
everything we are
not the experts for everything

And not one talking about
semantics yet. again

(true for the artists & collectives
but also for us)

LIMINAL + TRANSITORY SPACE

This is not an ALTERNATIVE
This is ALSO a way of
doing things.

Also-Space

Sobat-Sobat not an alternative
an essential

artist can do it also well

self-space where there is a lot of knowing

talk about the work from who you are
the experiences you have with you

there is no such thing as a general audience

understand context

start from yourself → grow into your hours

collective intelligence

galla energy

who are you?

a body of sobat-sobat

mediation

your joy, energy

how can you share without exploiting yourself



it is not meant that we know everything
(structure we can all rely on)

(what does it even mean to know
everything?)

idea how to talk with the people for 2 h
showing

share your specific passionate perspective
facilitate yourself to want to talk for 2h

Copilot; Doing too much
remind oneself that we are doing so much
in relation with something afterwards

sometimes
a sketch
works to
fast

doing it not in a illustrative way
we need to take care of them
let them feel home

-> no Tickets

it's not solvable - hard to do it

it's ok to have a bad tour - will happen
learn together forward

you are a host and guest

host visitors, Kassel people and any friends

to initiate

what do you need

time and space to digest

uncomfortable to go out of space

work > private level

feeling over responsible

alternative programme → also -programme

not being in two situations at the same time

Anspredspartnerinnen need more help than me

how do we speak as a body

for everyone something else to feel comfortable

sharing are collectively

(taking time to speak to each other)))))

or it will fall back default on

language barriers

translatability

praticum \rightarrow Lern documents gymkh. payings

say no
to gronius?

Reason to decline a tour

- talk is demotivating
- annoyed
- angry

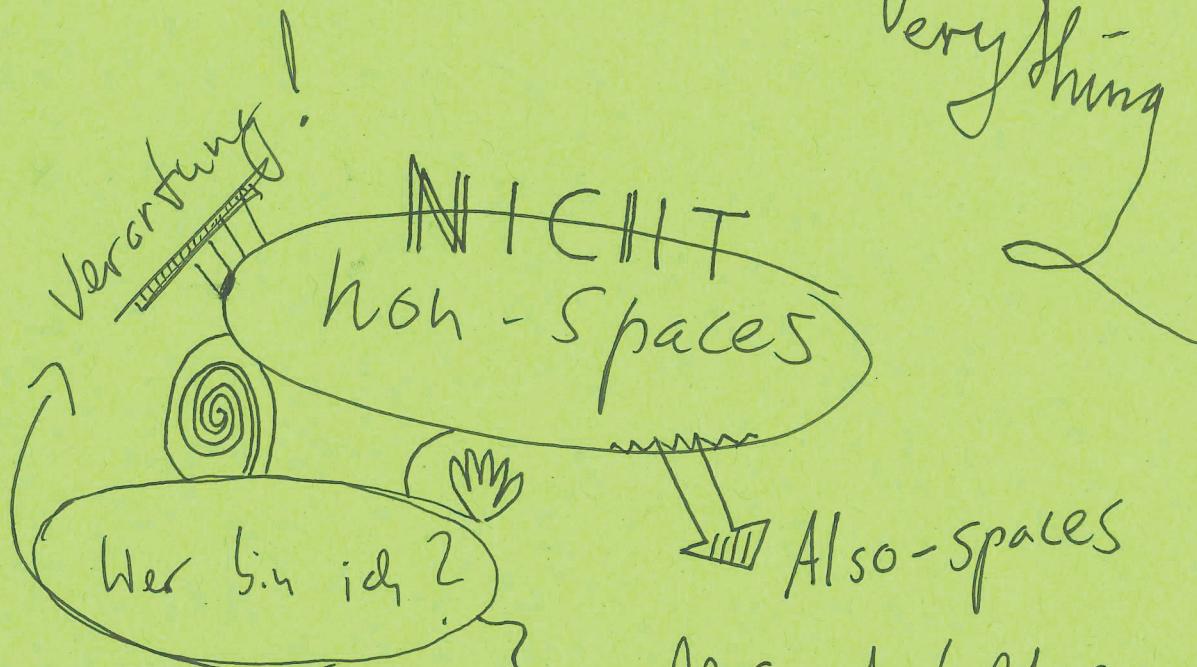
- if you need a comedian to get energy
- collective work
- individual needs to be nurtured too

Sobat

meaningful
meeting

What is meaningful to you

THEY Expect us to know
Everything



J
O
Y

- individueller Zugang
Relationalität
Kontext reflektiv
→ mein Job
Overworked

Expertenkultur

Was will ich
Was braucht ich
→ kommunizieren !!

you will
never get
there



fucking
motivations

Host
Guest

Take Care of
"Yourself"

Burnout avoid

alternative

another way
to do it

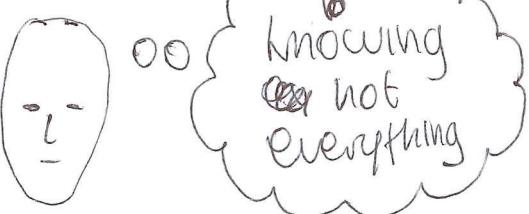
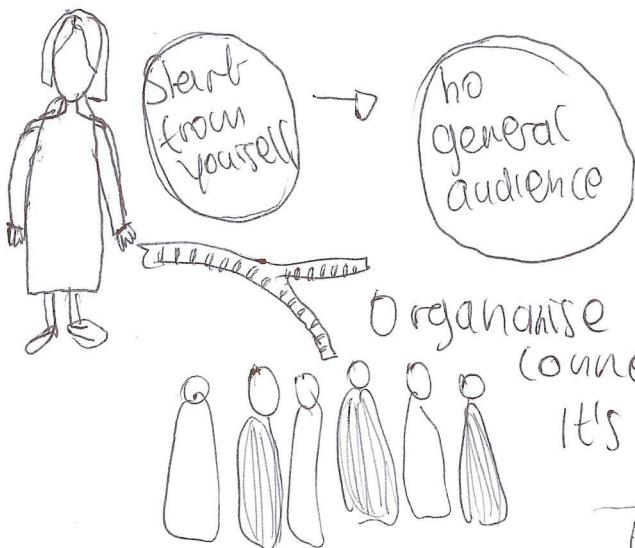
=Also-Space

tour guide = sobat

How to be a sobat?

→ talk from your experience

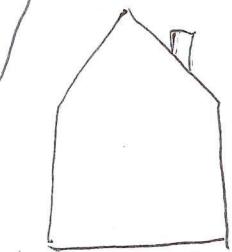
→ most important = to be in relation



host + guest

Energy, Joy, Well-being

doing too much



LET PEOPLE
FEEL AT HOME
BUT ~~ANSWER~~ NOT FULLFILL
EVERY EXPECTATION

Für dich doch mal?

... oder ja lieber

SCHÖNHEIT



Have one get one
u Non-spaces

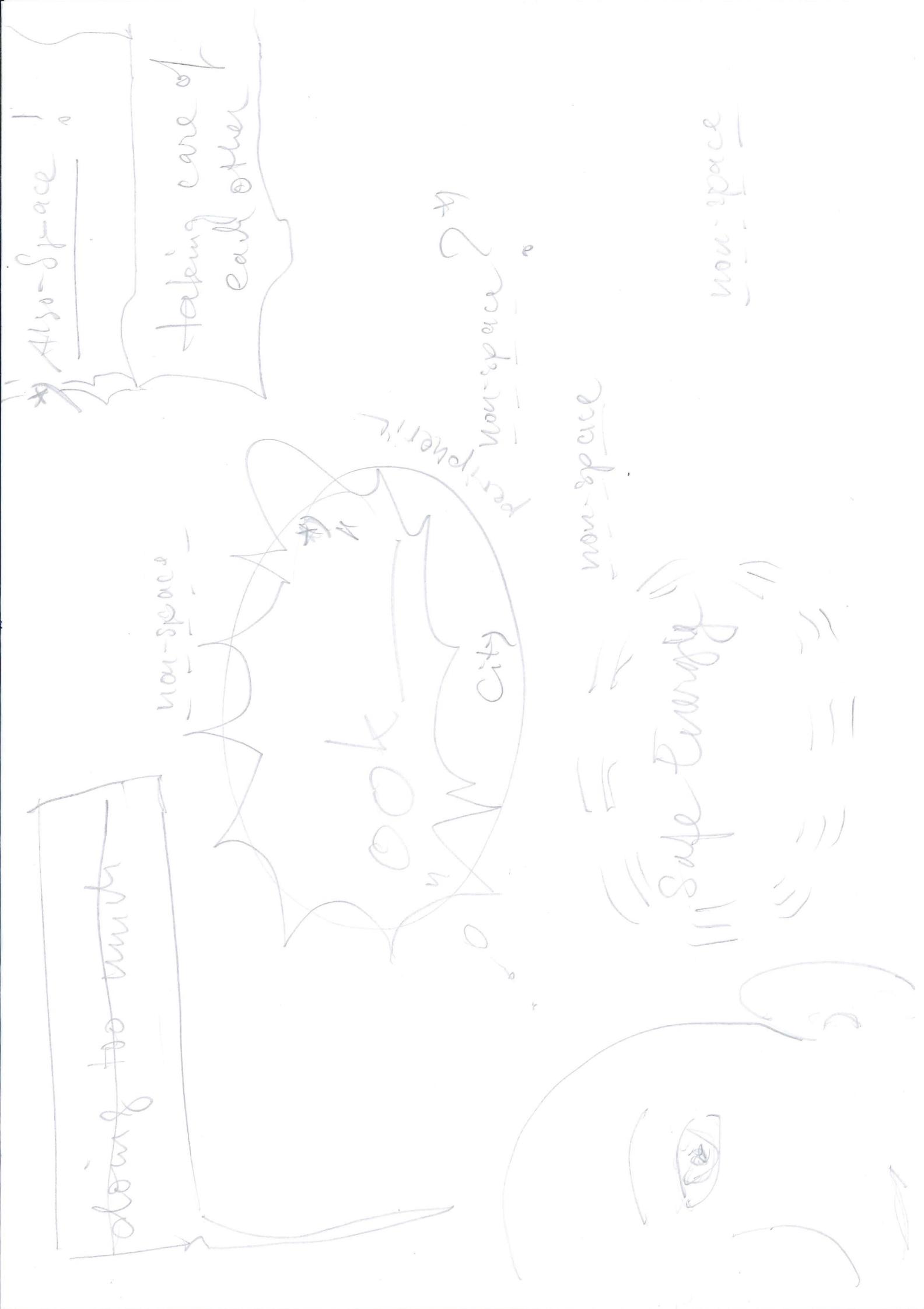


Take a look at your self
and from your self
take a global vision:

next year too
I am CAT
who are you?

There is no way to be not related
no general audience

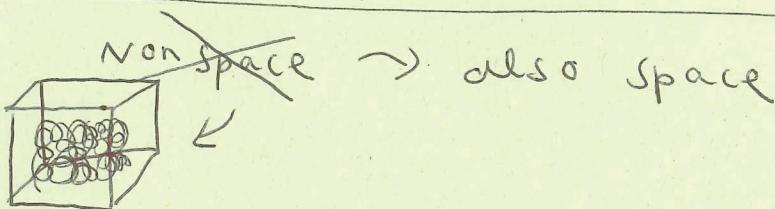
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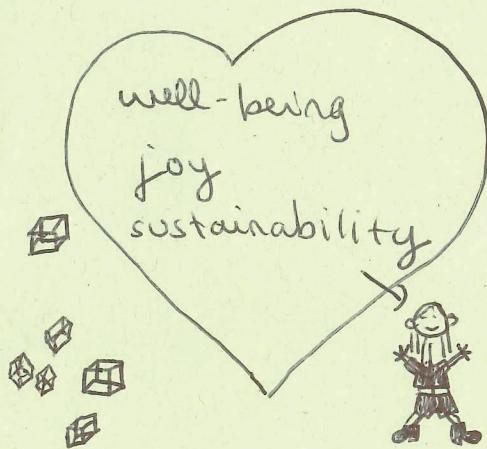
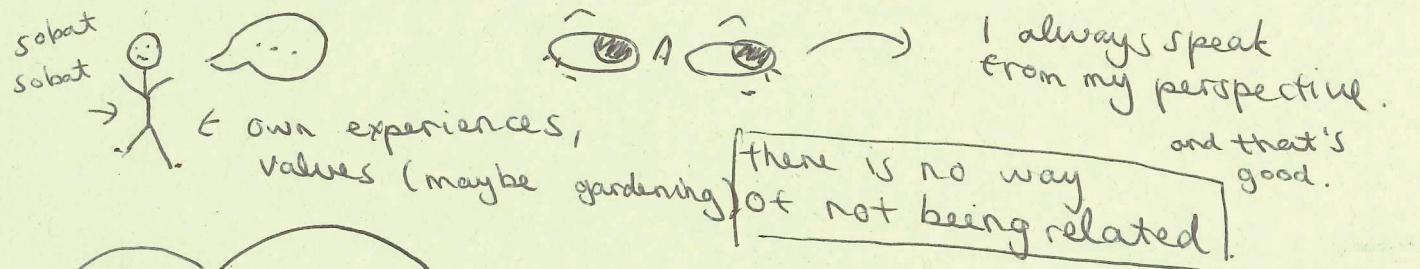
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Indonesian Art Initiatives

↳ sabat Sobat ↳



What is Education?



important
for all of us

how to ensure
we're staying
healthy

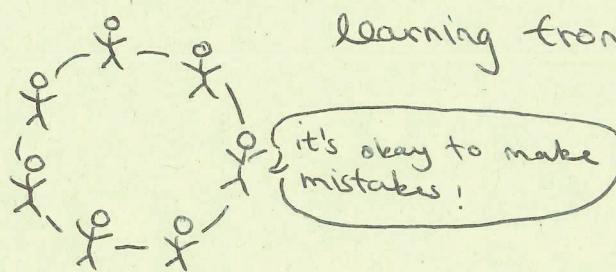
→ well-being → good tour

where are the
Limitations? Capacities?

Sobat - Sobat

- ↳ connected to expectations
- ↳ taking care

it's better to always work together



i have to
remind this!

to be a
proper guest
is also to be
a proper host

host → SOBATT → guest //
give a warm welcome

come to the visitor
be part of the group

feel comfortable
to do that job

Reinvented
Networking

how Indonesian Art initiatives have
from hot to something else

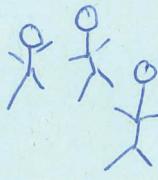
Also - SPACE

alternative space

also valuable place to be at

central

inviting people



Kate
MEDIATION

Reinard

WHO ARE
you???



- we are no experts
- personal perspective
- collective
- intelligence

SOBATT

Talk from **who** YOU ARE

↳ Find the words to bring people
to the artwork

→ Get in RELATION ←

Context
related
in a specific
environment



share in a sustainable way ❤️

giving
too much

joy, FUN

take care
for yourself
Your energy



find new
structures

talk to
each other ≈

gomus

≈ documenta
gbmbft

connected with something afterwards

What's about can be... -ook-

-alternative to tourguides?

also tourguide? ^{we are hosts} but also ^(guests)

inviting people to go to the works

↳ artists can do it as well!

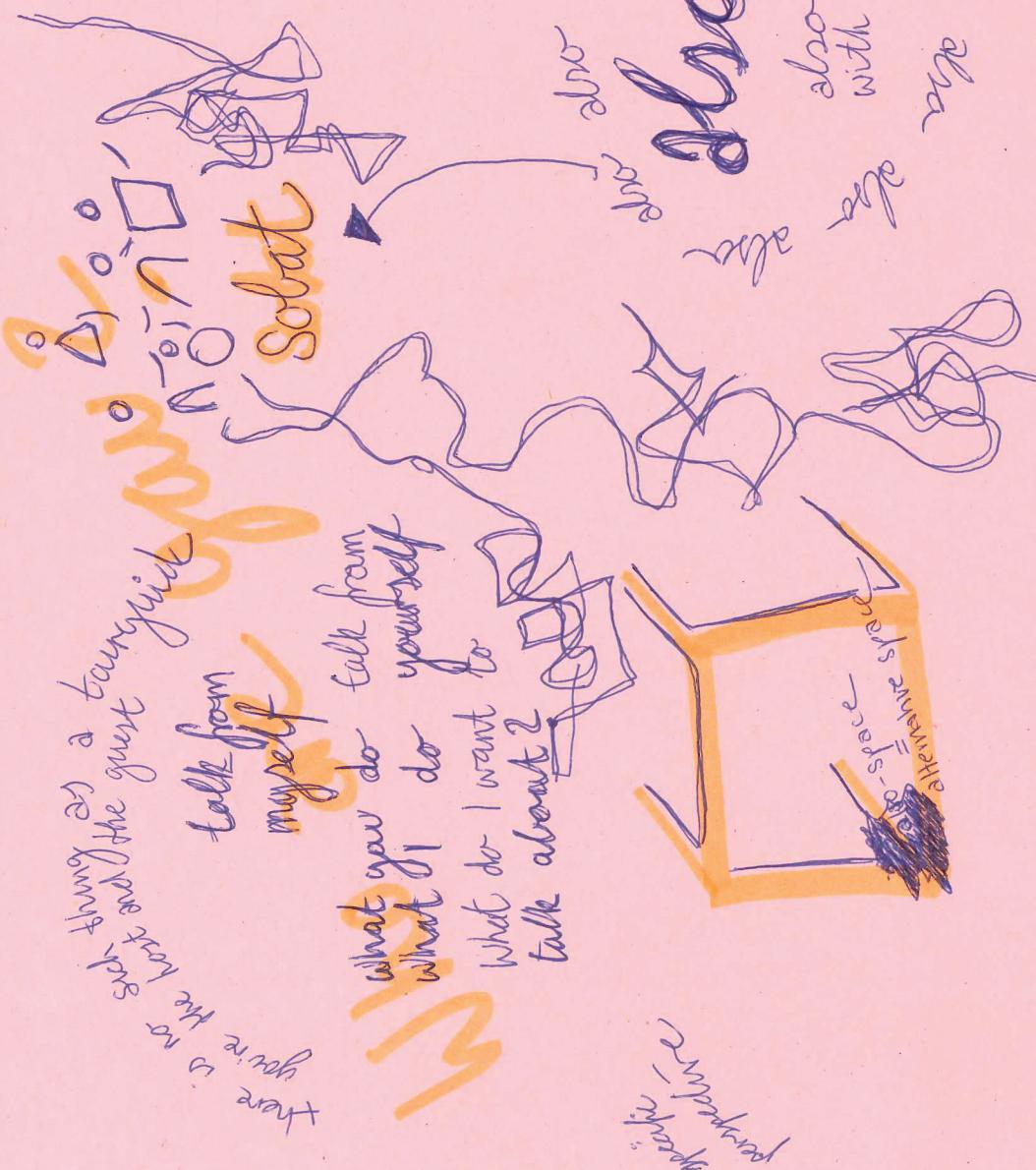
talk about works from your perspective!

talk from yourself,
not from the works.

there is no general audience!

Collective intelligence is better than
personal intelligence!

You have to feel good to give a good tour!
↳ take care of your health! (the institution will not do it)



book - reenactant
water shape

Solat

square

talk from
myself

square

talk from
myself

what you do talk from
yourself what if I do what do I want to
talk about?

3

"like
particular
of myself"



energetic joy & health

everything what we do
is in relation to afterwards

what does it even
mean to know?
what to know?
what everything
means

bumbung.

Space

also also also also

also-space

also as valuable
with a lot of meaning

also also also

caty
and
the
walk)

what to
do about
the growth
of growth
say no
to the power

feel
it

if we don't
talk about
the structures
we will fall into
the default
what we're familiar
with

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Curbing the space

law ...
who are
you

Also Space, From Hot + O something else
Indonesian Art Initiatives
- how
have
reinvented Networking -

Sustainable Energy &

Alternative Space

"better"

"Collective intelligence" is always better

is not an
alternative
space

is also a way
+ to do HAT

Book: nonplaces

Nicht-Orte

HAT AN ALSO SPACE

→ there is no "general
audience" → it's
always specific

you have your experience → that can
bring people closer to the art work

start from yourself

artwork is
Context related
most important

Nicht-Orte

HAT AN ALSO SPACE

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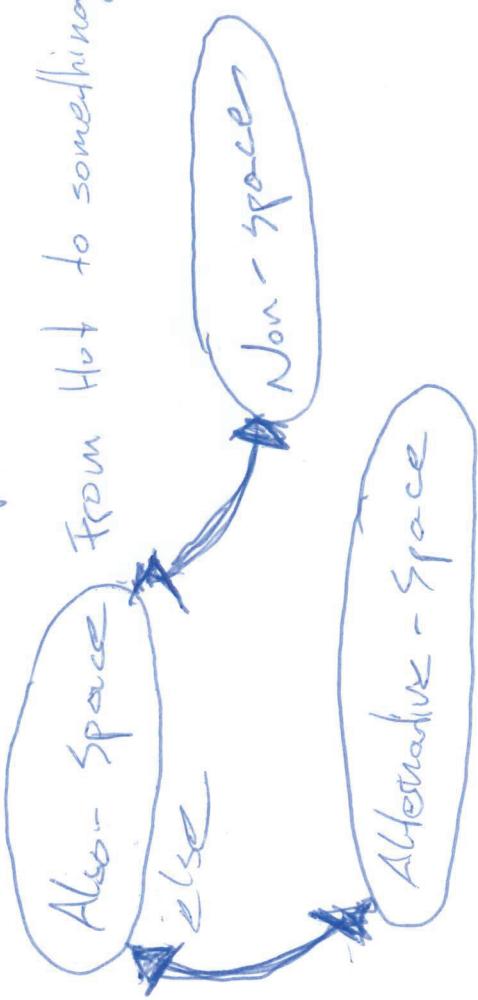
you have your experience → that can
bring people closer to the art work

Sobat

Self sustainability
exploiting energy

You heard of other artists
and after

Combining space



Tim here

structure

tickets

Jobs are being stored
say no to the gurus

This is what I'm doing

I'm here to explore what
I introduce this

REINVENTING NETWORKING

ALSO-SPACE

NON-SPACE

TOUR-GUIDE
=
SOBA-SOBAT

VIA
VALVE

Talk about Art for who You are

AUDIENCE

→ Context



WHO

ARE

?

PASSION

(JOY)

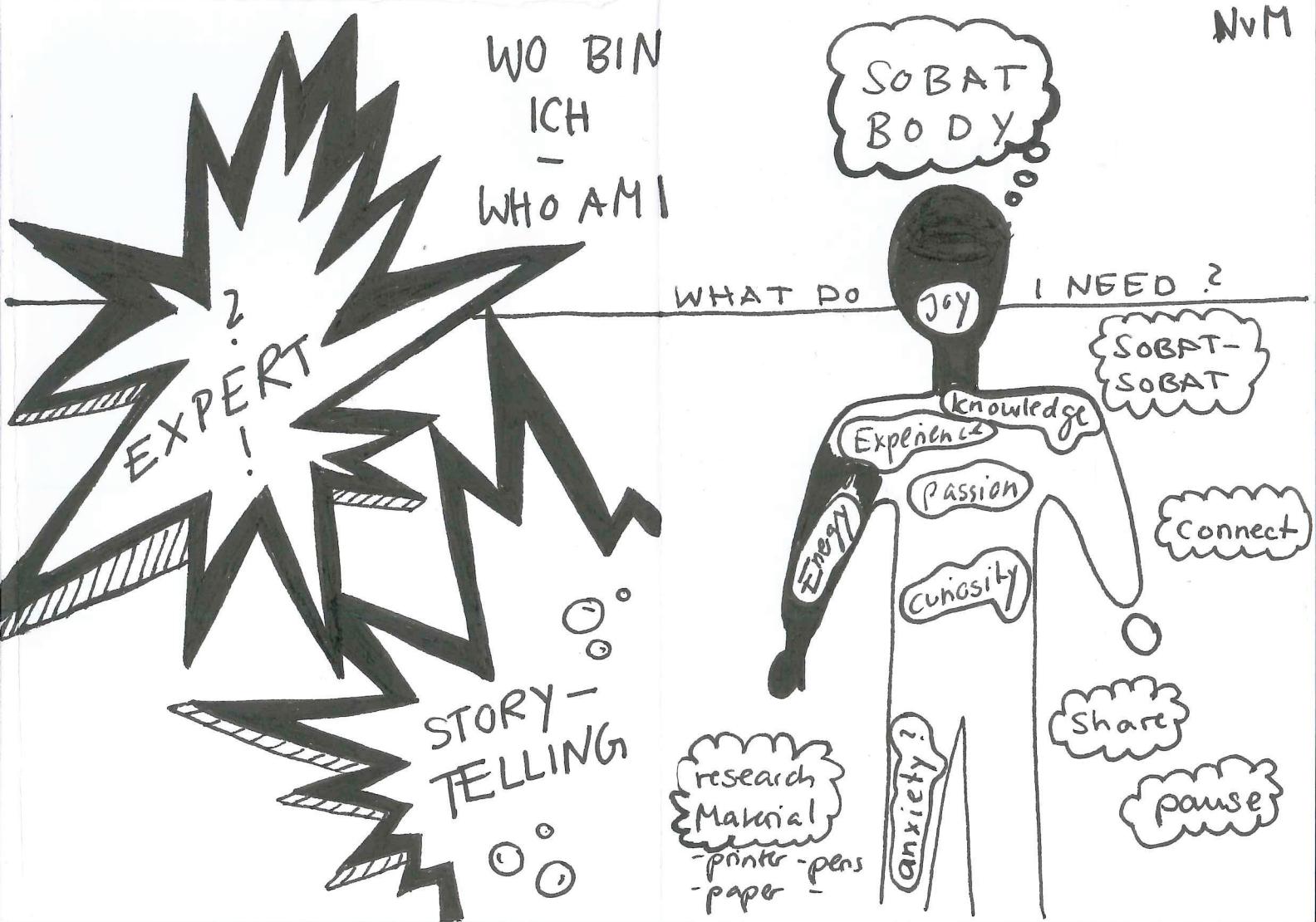
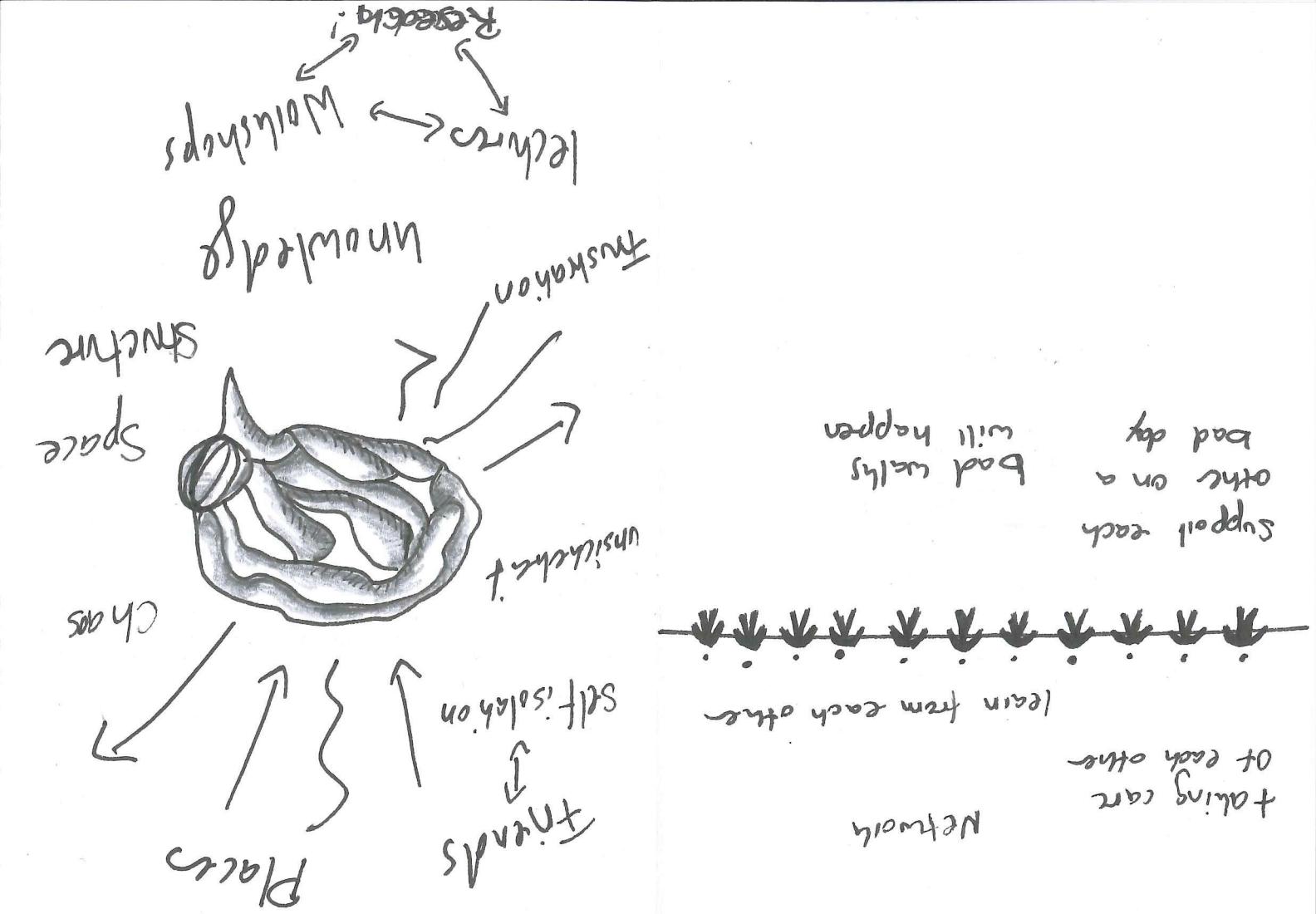


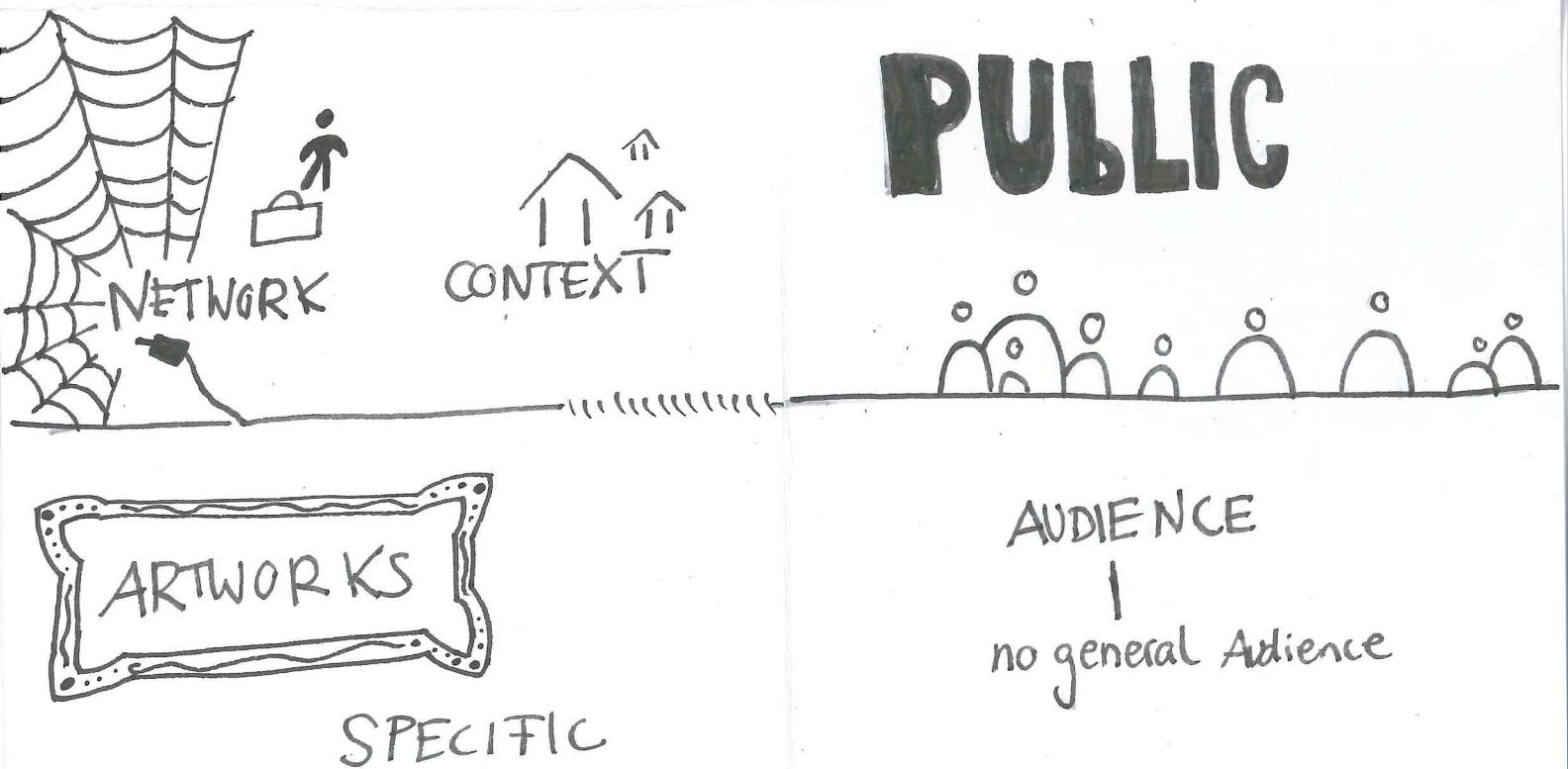
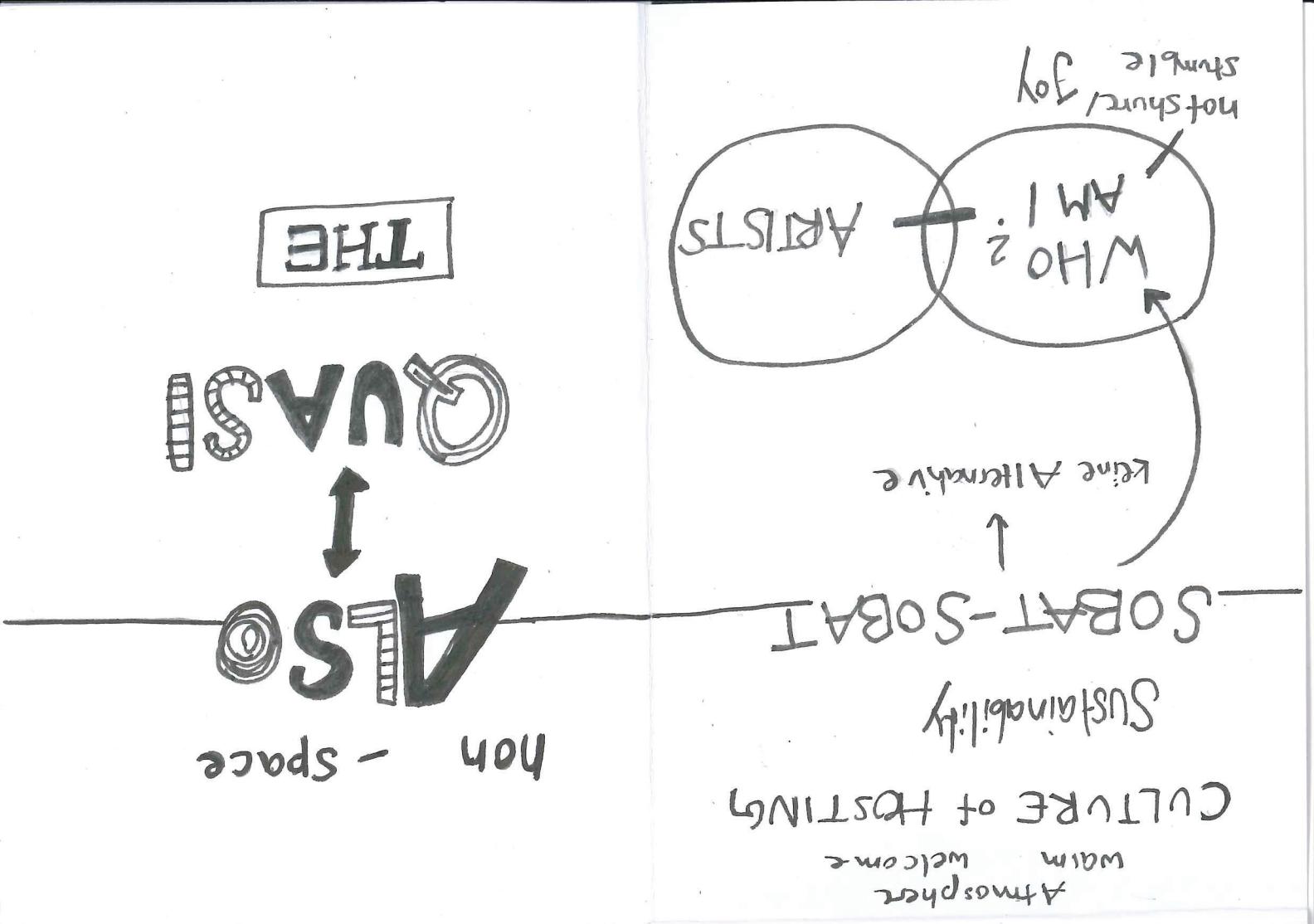
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Sobat

ALS O

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QUASI-Gedanke





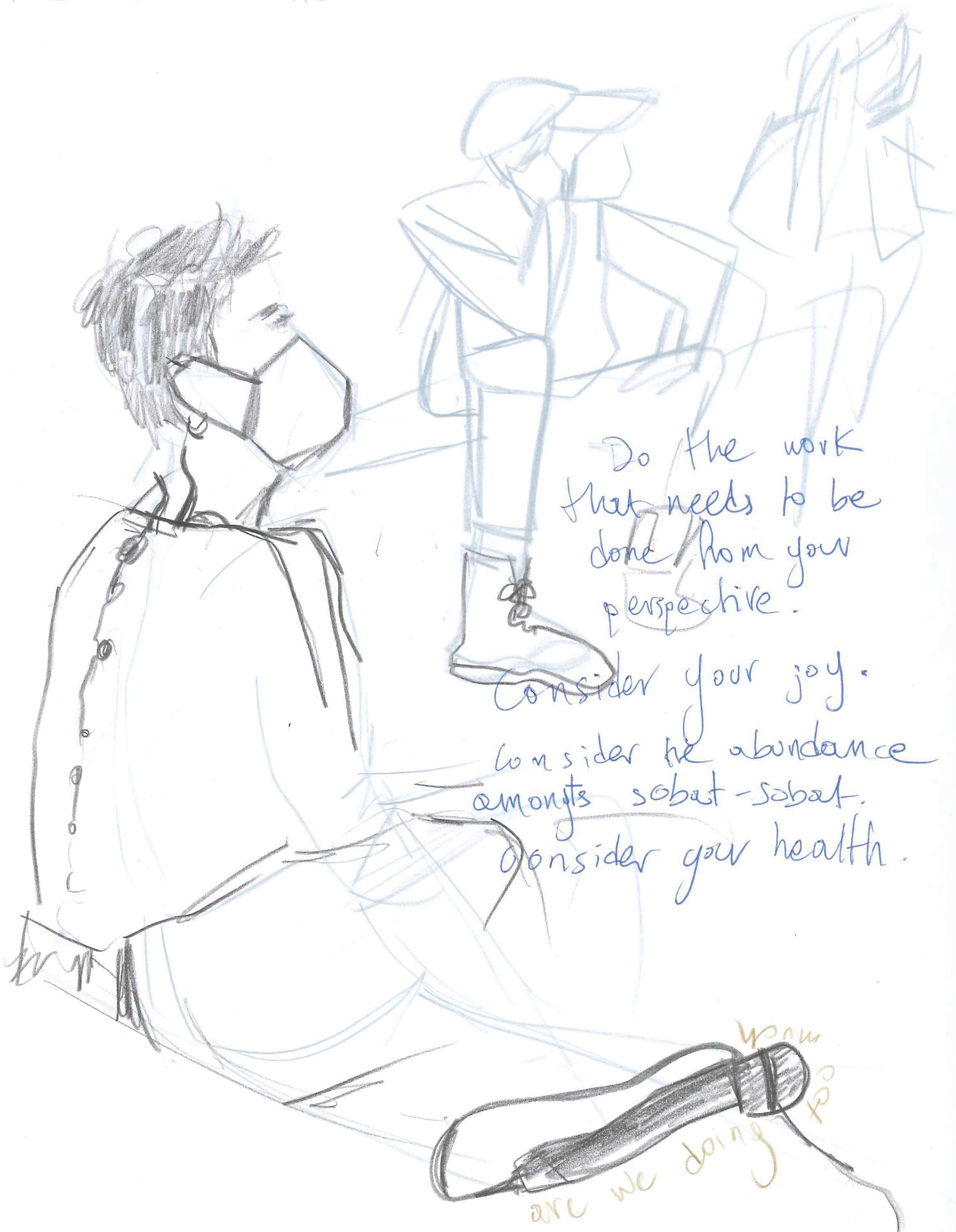
! NO TATTOO ! EXPECTATION X

how ^{we} do help the
ones meant to be
helping us.

Care - work ^{is} work
~~care - work is paid work~~

Time and space to connect
Share the responsibility

Create the space
you want so you can enjoy
the time in it.



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nicht erreichbar



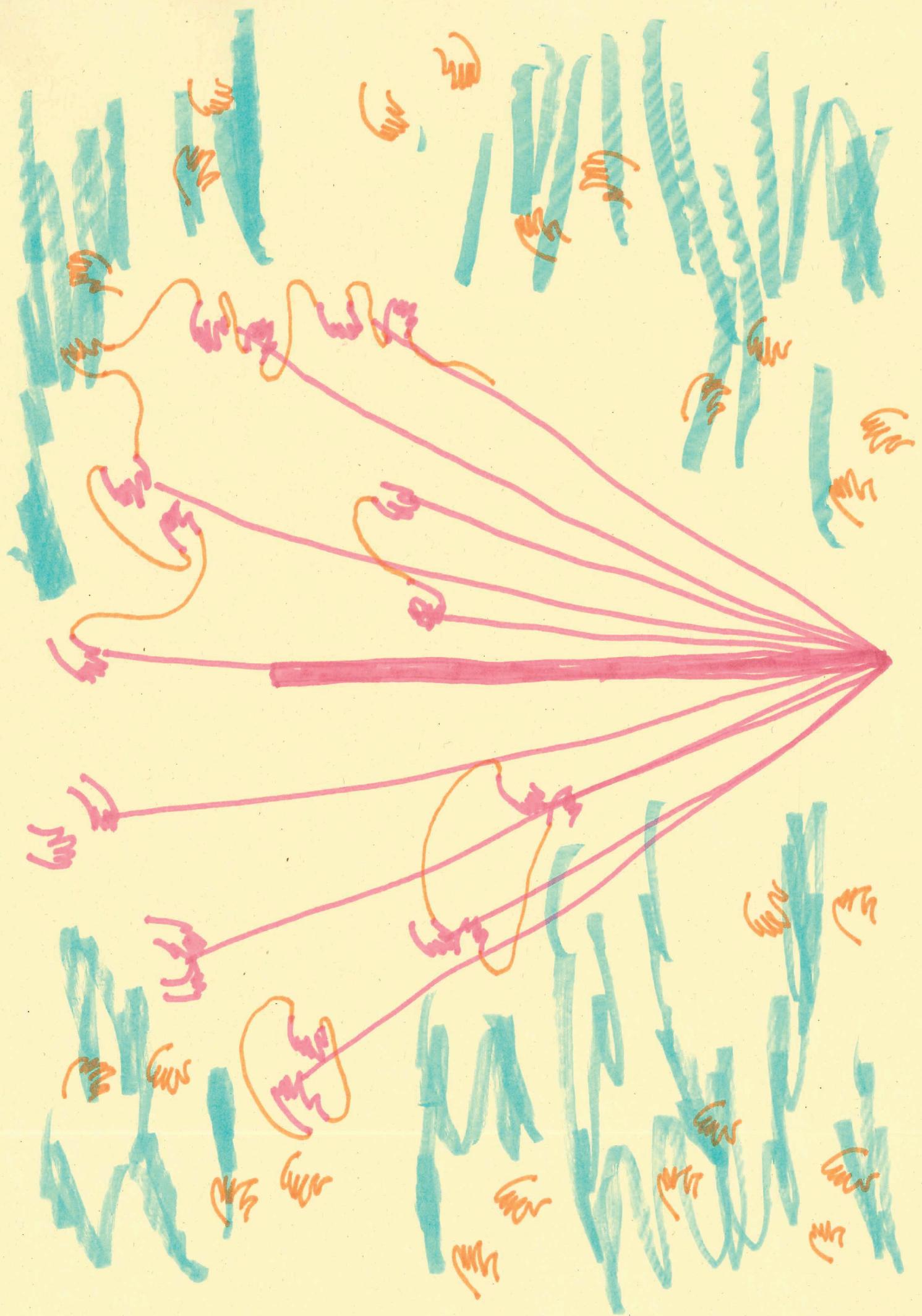
was kann aus mir u

Hier
Nichts

ne Art Education



Zaki Kein documenta-Künstler ^z



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From alternative space to also-space

3.1 Also-space as a term and a place

Where does the idea of also-space come from?

In the mid to late 1990s, the term ‘non-place’ (after M. Augé’s book ‘Non-Places’, 1992) was used in the art world to describe places that were seen as non-productive, leftover spaces, residual and more or less abandoned, transitional spaces in which you might find yourself on your way to someplace else. I found it strange and somewhat passive to label these places as abandoned, or to represent them as non-places in videos, photos and slides (looking back, I can only remember works by Els Opsomer and Agjaia Konrad, though these are by no means the most appropriate examples). The exhibition ‘Wasteland’ in Rotterdam in 1993 was perhaps a better example of this trend. At the Documenta X, in 1997, there was also some interest in the concept of non-place). At that point in my own development I saw the non-place as an essential cogwheel in the broader system of a ‘globalised world’. Naomi Klein described some aspects of this in her book ‘No Logo’ (2000). Whatever the case, non-places are not

residual or marginal spaces, they are in fact places in their own right, and often essential parts of a greater whole.

Much later, in 2009, I spent half a year in Beijing in the context of a residency programme. One thing I missed there was informal spaces for showing art, presentation spaces for dialogue and production. The sheer size of the city, the art boom currently going on and the inevitable focus on success meant that there was less room and less attention for such spaces. There simply seemed to be no time or money to organise them. If they indeed did exist, it was for a public of insiders and anyway everything was

alternative were still inevitably focused on the success, image, and production of the individual artist. I assumed there must actually be enough people interested in bringing together dialogue and production in a certain way, but who simply couldn’t find the time, or had other reasons for not initiating such a situation.¹ This is why I decided to take the initiative to create such a space. I organised two exhibitions in Beijing for which I used the term ‘also-space’.²

Occupying space, meeting people, an informal setting in which to share one’s work with colleagues and the public; a generous space, partly because it was possible, partly because it was necessary. It was from this perspective that the concept of the also-space for the first time took on a concrete shape for me. These exhibitions were a first step in formulating what an also-space meant to me, and thus how I imagined what for me might be an ideal artistic practice. And now that I’ve had the opportunity to closely research the Indonesian artists’ collective ruangrupa, I understand much better the significance of these exhibitions.

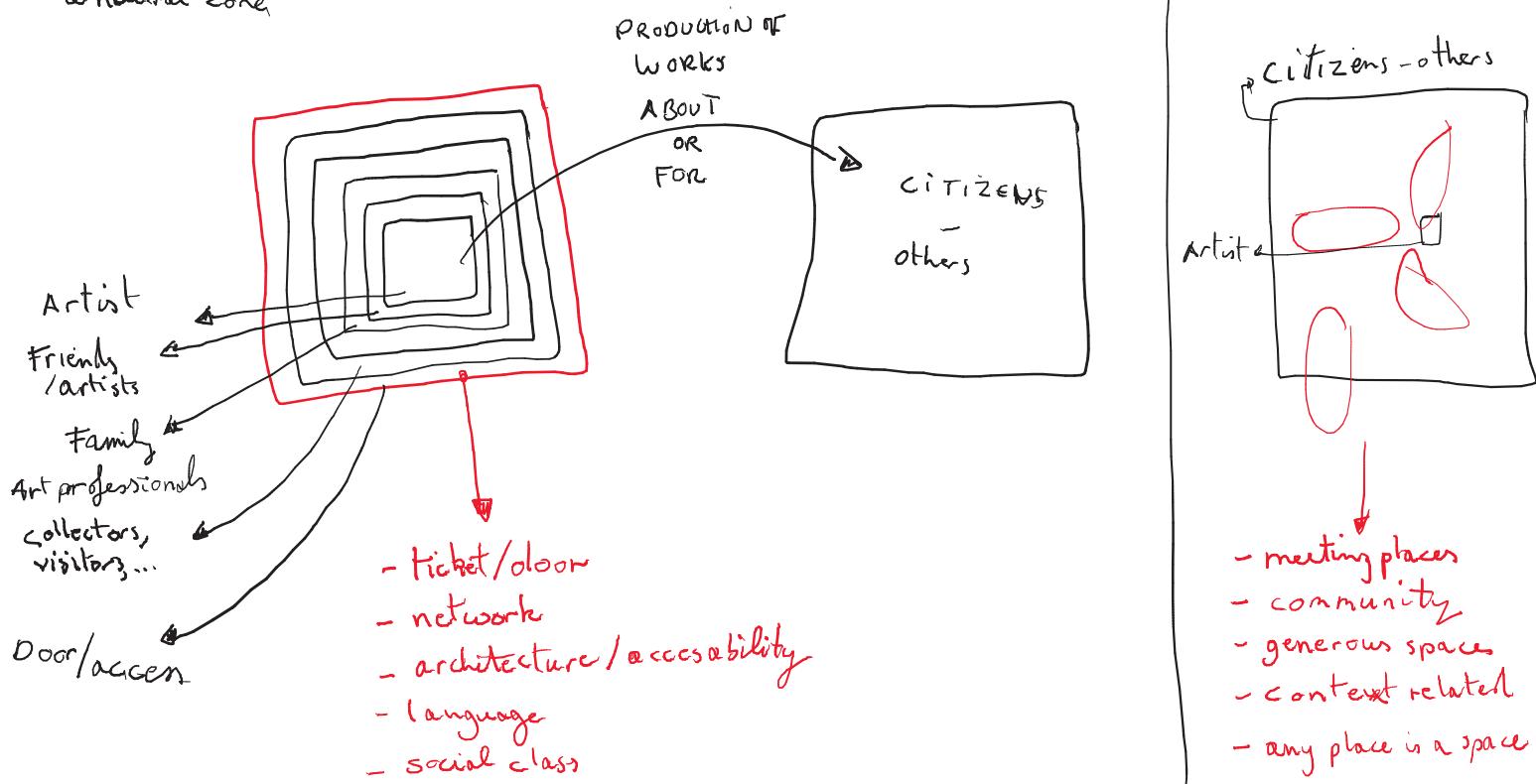
3.1.2 Alternative space vs. also-space

In chapter two of this book, I briefly introduced the also-space as a concept for artists working within existing communities which they are already a part of.

I propose the model of also-space in order to

¹ Such places did exist to some extent, or were being set up: examples include HomeShop (which I have already discussed in chapter 1 of this book), Sugar Jar (a shop for noise music and other experimental musics, <http://nytimes.com/2007/10/27/arts/music/27exp.html>) and Forget Art (an intervention-based institution for self-organised projects, focused on relating artistic practices directly to the

If an artist produces a body of work which is about critiquing society, about the citizen who is in need. Artists often talk about the citizen from a specialist zone. A specialist zone is not the same as a neutral zone.



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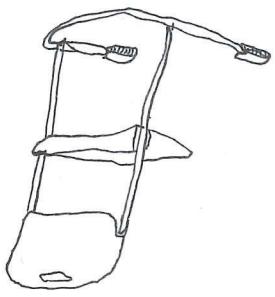
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DOES A TICKET COST? DO YOU TALK
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ENERGY? IS THE STRUGGLE TOO FAST?
DO YOU DO TOO MUCH? WHERE IS YOUR
WHAT IS MEANINGFUL TO YOU?



YOU ARE HERE

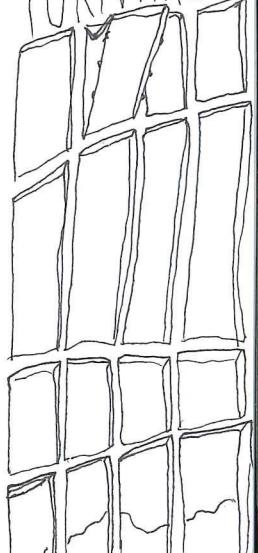
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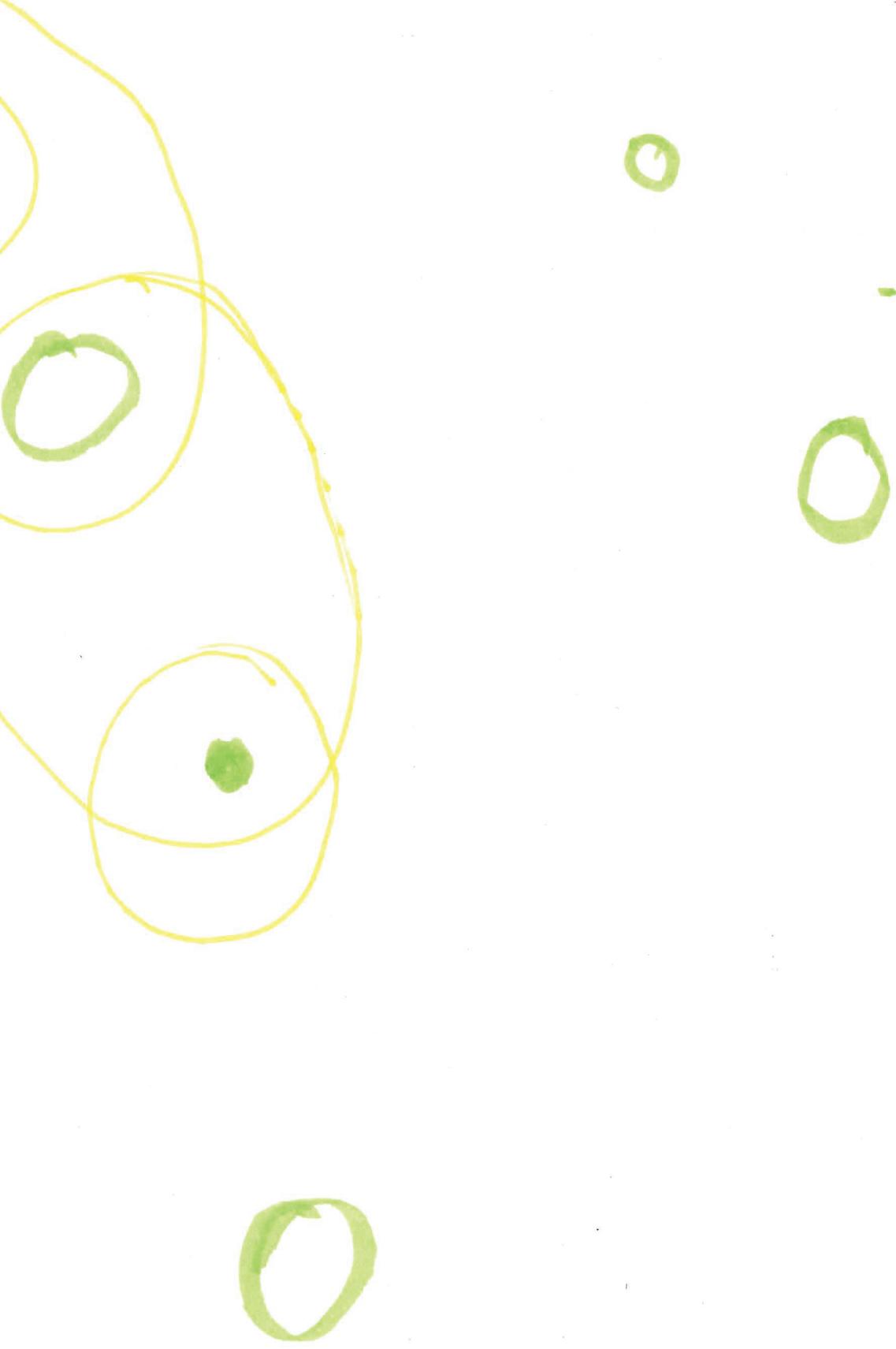
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