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**The NLE Curatorial Lab (NLE Lab)**, a socially conscious platform for experimentation in curating, is a professional development program for emerging curators and arts professionals interested in direct experience curating in an expanded field. NLE Lab extends No Longer Empty's mission to curate site-responsive and community-centered exhibitions and programs in unique spaces.

Divided into two phases (curriculum and exhibition), the NLE Lab program consists of seven key components:

- 1) Fundamentals of curating and site-specificity
- 2) Outreach and site, historical, and community-based research
- 3) Development of exhibition theme, artist selection and programming
- 4) Exhibition planning, budget and design
- 5) Exhibition management, promotion and press
- 6) Advancement and visibility of curators
- 7) Exhibition evaluation and impact assessment

The 2017 NLE Lab will be take place in Jamaica, Queens, culminating in a collectively curated exhibition at York College Fine Arts Gallery. NLE Lab is partnering with York College on the inaugural Southeast Queens Biennial. The conceptual framework of the biennial is Southeast Queens itself, its diverse voices and artistic and cultural ties to the local and global community. The artworks presented will be by artists who live or practice in southeast Queens as well as those who have strong connections to the area. Scheduled to open in February 2018, the exhibition will include works in all media, commissioned pieces and related programming in collaboration with community organizations.

**Dates:** October 10, 2017 – February 24, 2018

**Location:** Jamaica, Queens

**Application Deadline:** Friday, July 14 at 11:59pm EST

**Upcoming Information Sessions:**

Wednesday, June 14, 6-8pm at No Longer Empty. RSVP by Monday, June 12

Saturday, June 24, 11am-1pm beginning at Jamaica Center for Arts & Learning (JCAL). [RSVP](#) by

Wednesday, June 21

**Access & Inclusion:** To request additional information regarding accessibility or accommodations at the information session, please contact us at [access@nolongerempty.org](mailto:access@nolongerempty.org) or (917) 426-2666.

**Review Process:** Individual and group interviews

**Notification:** The week of August 7th

[NLE Curatorial Lab](#) (NLE Lab) is open to local, national and international candidates. An interdisciplinary academic background with an emphasis on contemporary art or art history is required, with preference given to postgraduate qualifications or prior curatorial experience. NLE Lab requires participants to commit to both critical research and exhibition practice and devote approximately 20 hours a week to

the program. Recognizing that participants may have full or part-time obligations, a flexible program schedule will be determined by the instructor and participants at the beginning of the session. English language skills are required for enrollment in the program. A program fee of \$1,200 is due upon acceptance. For the 2017 program, NLE is offering two full-tuition scholarships to emerging curators/arts professionals in Southeast Queens based on need. Participants not based in NYC are responsible for travel and accommodation expenses.

#### How to apply:

- A \$25 application fee payable via No Longer Empty's PayPal account [here](#)
- A cover letter stating your interest and experience as they relate to NLE Lab and working in Southeast Queens. Please reflect on your own skill set, notions of site-specificity and community engagement, and how these relate to your goals (500 words).
- A Curriculum Vitae (CV) including education, professional, and arts-related experience and the names and contact information of two professional references. Prospective students may submit equivalent professional experience commensurate with academic work and/or a history of independent curatorial projects.
- A brief writing sample in the form of an exhibition proposal or critical review of an exhibition, exhibition-related program, or series of events (500-1000 words).
- At least five images (at 72 dpi) of past projects, and/or links to past projects.
- Please submit complete application along with proof of application fee payment in the form of a single PDF to [lab@nolongerempty.org](mailto:lab@nolongerempty.org), with "NLE Lab Application 2017\_Last Name" in the subject heading. The PDF should not exceed 5 MB.

For questions, please email [lab@nolongerempty.org](mailto:lab@nolongerempty.org)

#### About No Longer Empty

No Longer Empty activates engagement with art and social issues through site-responsive and community-centered exhibitions integrated with educational and cultural programming. Sited in distinctive urban settings, our holistic approach creates participatory platforms for art and exchange that explore the layered histories and critical issues of each unique place. Since 2009, NLE has welcomed over 165,000 visitors, including 16,000 children to our transformed sites, from storefronts to landmarked buildings including a mansion in the Bronx, a historic bank in Queens, an iconic music store in the East Village, former officers' houses on Governors Island, and a new affordable living complex in Sugar Hill, Harlem. [www.nolongerempty.org](http://www.nolongerempty.org)

