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**The NLE Curatorial Lab (NLE Lab)** is a socially conscious, professional development intensive for emerging curators interested in direct experience curating in an expanded field. Building on No Longer Empty's mission to curate site-responsive and community-centered exhibitions and programs in unique spaces, NLE Lab focuses on research, project-based learning and collaboration. The program includes a curriculum of critical readings, guest speakers, site/historical research, and studio/exhibition visits, culminating in a collectively curated exhibition with related programming. NLE Lab incorporates community engagement as a fundamental component in the formation of curatorial programming.

**The NLE Lab program (curriculum and exhibition) consists of seven key components:**

- 1) Fundamentals of curatorial and site-specific practices from interdisciplinary position(s)
- 2) Site, historical, and community-based research and outreach
- 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 2019 NLE Lab is partnering with NYC Health + Hospital Kings County in East Flatbush, Brooklyn, to support curators, community artists and members in creating experiences that explore the critical role that art plays in the wellness of a community. The 2019 NLE Lab is part of a three-year relationship with NYC Health + Hospital Kings County, a partnership that seeks to emphasize the role of creativity within the provision of health services through ongoing programs and youth education, artist residency programs, and exhibitions on and in the vicinity of Kings County Hospital's 40-acre campus.

**Program Dates:** March 5 – June 29, 2019

**Location:** Kings County Hospital, East Flatbush, Brooklyn

**Application Deadline:** Monday, January 14, 2019, at 11:59 pm EST

**Information Sessions:**

Saturday, October 20, 10:30am – 12pm

Saturday, November 17, 10:30am – 12pm

Saturday, January 5, 10:30am – 12pm

Location details provided upon RSVP to [lab@nolongerempty.org](mailto:lab@nolongerempty.org)

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

**Review Process:** Individual and group interviews

**Notification:** The week of February 4, 2019

**Requirements:** NLE Curatorial Lab (NLE Lab) is open to local, national and international candidates. An interdisciplinary academic background with an emphasis on contemporary art and/or art history is required, with preference given to postgraduate qualifications and/or prior curatorial as well as community engagement processes experience. NLE Lab meets twice weekly and requires participants to commit to critical research, community engagement and exhibition practice, devoting approximately 20 hours a week to the program. Recognizing that participants may have full- or part-time obligations, the

program schedule will be determined with participants at the beginning of the cycle. Proficiency in English is required for enrollment in the program. A program fee of \$1,200 is due upon acceptance. Participants not based in NYC are responsible for travel and accommodation expenses.

#### **How to apply:**

- Complete application is due by Friday, January 14, 2018, 11:59pm EST.
- Include proof of payment of \$25 application fee with application. Please make payment and secure receipt via No Longer Empty's PayPal account [here](#). Follow the steps to "Donate to No Longer Empty" and when prompted, specify that you are donating to "NLE Lab Application Fee."
- A cover letter/personal statement expressing your interest and experience as they relate to NLE Lab and working in East Flatbush. Please reflect on your own skill sets, notions of exhibition-making, site-specificity and community engagement, and how these relate to your goals (500 words).
- A Curriculum Vitae (CV) including education, professional, arts- and community-based experience.
- Two letters of recommendation emailed to [lab@nolongerempty.org](mailto:lab@nolongerempty.org)
- Applicants may submit commensurate professional and/or a history of independent curatorial projects.
- A brief writing sample in the form of an exhibition proposal or a 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 a complete application along with proof of application fee payment/receipt in the form of a single PDF to [lab@nolongerempty.org](mailto:lab@nolongerempty.org), with "NLE Lab Application 2019\_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 build and strengthen networks of creative resources for artists and communities. Since 2009, No Longer Empty 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)

#### **About Kings County Hospital**

NYC Health + Hospitals/Kings County is a 639-bed, teaching hospital serving Central Brooklyn, East New York-New Lots, and Flatbush. The hospital was the first Level I Trauma Center for Adults in the nation, and the only Level 1 Pediatric Trauma Center in Brooklyn. It is a NYSDOH-Designated AIDS Center and Stroke Center, and has also been designated as a Center of Excellence for diabetes and for Parkinson's disease. In 2016, more than 113,000 people were seen in the emergency room and 678,900 people were seen in outpatient clinics. NYC Health + Hospitals/Kings County's Behavioral Health Services Program has 235 inpatient beds; there were 2,481 adult admissions and 662 adolescent and child admissions in 2016. More than 7,400 people visited the Psychiatric Emergency Room in the past year, and 158,000 people receive care in the Behavioral Health outpatient program. The hospital has played a major role in providing health care to vulnerable populations in Brooklyn since 1831, and is part of NYC Health + Hospitals, the largest public health care system in the nation. [www.nychealthandhospitals.org/kingscounty](http://www.nychealthandhospitals.org/kingscounty).

