

**Outreach COMMITTEE POLICY Adopted by the
Development Committee, January 21, 2014, revised and
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Preamble

1.01 The Outreach Committee is a standing committee of articule.

1.02 Formed in 2012, the Development Committee combined the former Fundraising Committee (formed 2003) and Outreach Committee (formed 2008) in a single entity. Since 2019, the Fundraising Committee and Outreach Committee have split into two separate entities.

Mandate

2.01 All outreach activities should be aligned with articule's mandate and Basis of Unity. The Committee shall focus on activities that reflect articule's commitment to decolonial and anti-racist practices, striving to redress the dynamics that disempower some and lend privilege to others. Activities should prioritize individuals with intimate, lived experiences of marginalization.

2.02 In line with articule's Programming Policy, any proposed activities that uphold or reproduce any form of discrimination, including but not limited to unequal access to opportunity, cultural insensitivity, cultural appropriation, harassment whether psychological or physical, microaggressions, sexism, racism, classism, homophobia, transphobia, ableism, and/or derogatory language will not be considered.

2.03 The Outreach Committee shall aim to enlarge articule's public and community, broadening the reach of its activities, with a focus on communities marginalized or excluded from the artist-run centre and art milieu.

2.04 The Outreach Committee shall aim to create and sustain long-term and meaningful community-building initiatives and activities in collaboration with individuals, collectives, schools, and other organizations of interest who align with articule's mandate and Basis of Unity.

2.05 The Outreach Committee shall also aim to develop events and programming with a pedagogical and/or cultural mediation focus that responds to articule's long-term and short-term programming streams and/or introduce articule to communities of interest.

Membership

3.01 The Outreach Committee shall have a minimum membership of two members other than articule staff at Committee meetings.

3.02 Any member of articule may join the Outreach Committee as a voting member.

3.03 Any member of articule may attend meetings of the Outreach Committee.

3.04 The centre's Outreach Coordinator shall be a member of the Outreach Committee.

Officers

4.01 The Chairperson will be determined by the Board of Directors, and shall serve for a term the Board deems appropriate. The Chairperson is subject to change depending on unfolding circumstances, and a new Chairperson can be recommended by Committee members.

4.02 The Chairperson shall be responsible for calling and adjudicating meetings of the Committee, for representing and reporting on the Committee at Board meetings and General Assemblies, and for communicating and working with articule staff to advance the Committee's goals and decisions.

4.03 Committee members may elect a Secretary if appropriate. The Committee may determine either to elect a new Secretary with each meeting, or to elect one Secretary to serve until the end of the programming year.

4.04 The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping minutes of Committee meetings and ensuring said minutes' accessibility and availability to the Centre's membership in a timely manner.

Decisions

5.01 Decisions of the Outreach Committee shall be taken by majority of votes.

5.02 Decisions of the Outreach Committee shall require a quorum of three non-staff members, one of whom must be a member of the Board of Directors.

5.03 The Outreach Committee is understood to have the final choice of activities and collaborators. However any activity, group, organization or individual found to be in violation of the Basis of Unity may be withdrawn by the Board of Directors. Communication of a withdrawal is at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Guidelines

6.01 This policy shall be available on articule's website.

6.02 Every new member of the Outreach Committee shall familiarize themselves with this policy.

6.03 This policy shall be reviewed at least once a year at an Outreach Committee meeting and readopted.

6.04 Any member of the Outreach Committee can make suggestions for changes to this policy. These changes must then be adopted by the Committee in order to come into effect.

6.05 At least one Outreach Committee member shall be responsible for each project the Committee undertakes, in collaboration with the Outreach Coordinator. If there is no such member, then the project will not take place.

6.06 There shall be no maximum number of such projects in any given year, however additional projects must be appropriate to the centre's capacity and resources.

6.07 Pursuant to the Outreach Committee's Mandate (Section 2), the Committee may also associate itself with articule projects or events not organized by the Committee but which have an outreach oriented component that the Committee wishes to advance.