

PRESS INVITATION

Bureau d'Espoir

Natural History Museum of Hope & Battery

+Book release 'Tarot of Hope'

From the **13th of December to the 3rd of January** Bureau d'Espoir occupies the performance gallery ZSenne. With the 22 days ongoing performance 'Battery' in the street windows of the building in which two hope researchers test the power of the machine to turn dire circumstances into hopeful ones. And with the Natural History Museum of Hope: an active exhibition and performance installation in which visitors can come to exchange Hope Objects, browse through the Hope Library or have a sessions with the caretakers to read the Tarot of Hope with them.

The more adventurous visitors are also invited to join the performers in the battery, as test volunteers to try out different strategies of hope, developed by Bureau d'Espoir.

The opening of Bureau d'Espoir takes places on the 13th of December from 7pm onwards. This marks the start of the Hope Object Exchange, accompanied by The Hope Sessions, a sample concert using the material of hope interviews conducted of the last 5 months.

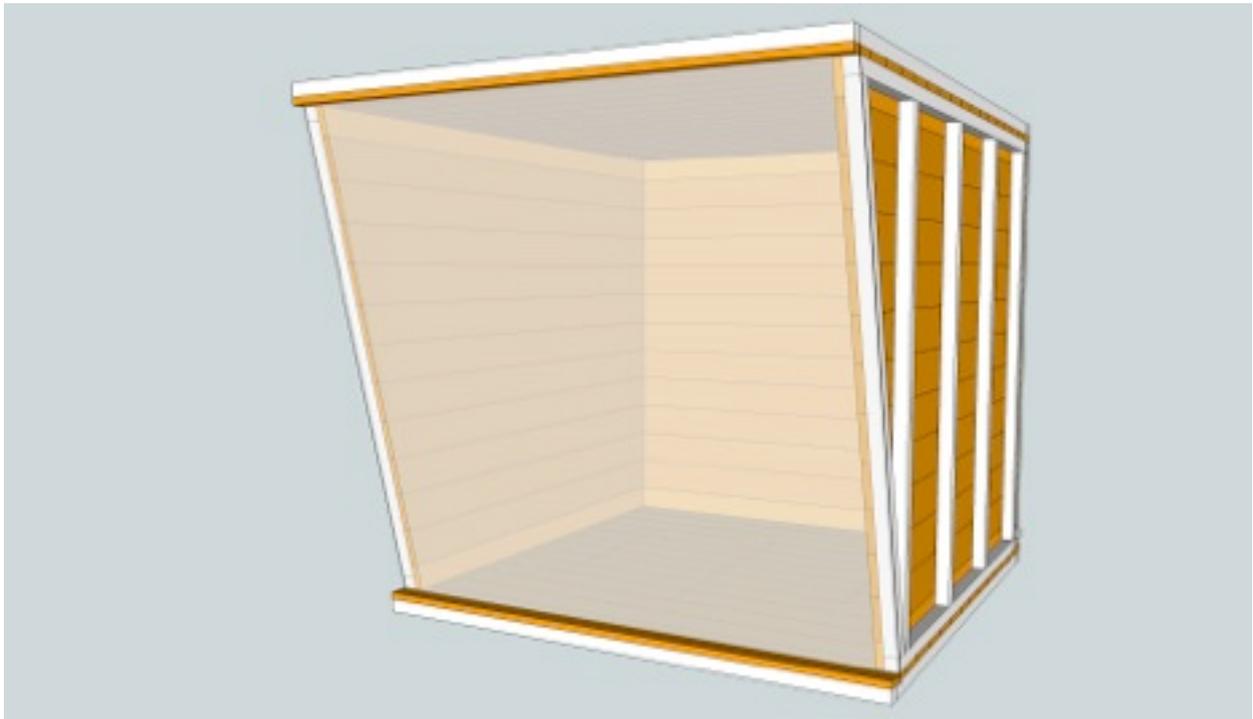
Next to these ongoing activities, Bureau d'Espoir also organizes lectures and concerts, on the topic of Hope today. Full background information on Bureau d'Espoir and an updated agenda you can find on www.bureaudespoir.org. For information or photos, just contact us through ZSenne, or mail elkevancampenhout@icloud.com

Bureau d'Espoir researches the possibility of creating new engagements with the concept of hope, both on a political, social, physical and spiritual level. The Bureau started up in 2009 with the simple question: 'why do something rather than nothing?'. Since then the project has evolved into an active work hub for the development of different collaborative research projects, concerned with the import, export and commonal development of hope. Bureau d'Espoir wants to lay bare the absurd and affective nonsensical by-products of a global economy and our present global system of institutionalized bureaucracy. With the Battery project, the Natural History Museum of Hope, and the publication Tarot of Hope, Bureau d'Espoir proposes a tool for rethinking our relation to the world, using bits and pieces of material that have been gleaned over the working years of the Hope project.

a full overview of the projects and works of Bureau d'Espoir can be found on www.bureaudespoir.org

all pictures (Battery, Tarot of Hope, Hope Objects, etc..) are available in high resolution. Send a mail to elkevancampenhout@icloud.com

Battery (design: Hans Meijer)



TAROT OF HOPE (images: Robin Amanda Creswell)

