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Version 1

<https://www.imaginaryresidency.com>

# Imaginary Residency

How to make your own

## Keep it simple and purpose- driven

- \* The imaginary residency exists to help people in their practice, bring people together, and give a lot to people while asking very little.

## Find a co-organizer

1. You can organize an imaginary residency yourself, but it's more fun with a friend. Choose someone you feel nice around, that you'd like to get to know better.
  - \* Decide on your code of conduct, expectations, and dreams
  - \* Meet with your co-organizer to talk about your code of conduct. You are welcome to use ours for inspiration, but make it your own.

## Feedback Questions

### Experience Questions

1. Something you got out of this residency.
2. Something specific you wanted more of in the residency.
3. How do you feel about it ending? Should it be longer, shorter?
4. For the people you didn't know before the residency, would you reach out to them again?
5. What do you wish we did with the second hour?
6. Do you think we met the goal? Do you think the goal should be different?

### Admin Questions

1. Do people have a preference on how this is documented, ex: Burn after reading? A list of us and links on the site? A blog post?
2. Can we send a connecting email to you? If so, please let us know which contact info you want us to share with the group.
3. Do you want to meeting again in 3-6 months to follow up?

## Decide on a structure

The structure of the imaginary residency is below, but you can modify it to make it your own.

- \* Session 1: Stating the purpose, code of conduct, and communication of general structure. Introductions (roundtable).
- \* Session 2, 3, 4: Stating the purpose. Work roundtable where any participant can share their thoughts, work, questions for 5 minutes each. Followed by 1 hour of optional free form collaboration, discussion, or co-learning.
- \* Session 5: Feedback session. Final work roundtable. Connecting people together and goodbyes. Our feedback questions are on the last page, feel free to adapt or modify.

Hint: You can do the cycle again (after a break) with the same people, or new people

## Decide on people

- \* Make a list of people who you'd like to invite.
- \* Consider people who have some shared values (Openness? Kindness? Curiosity?) and reach out.

Diversity of background, experience, and expression are all wonderful and generative things to have.

## Plan dates

- \* A great length for a first edition is 4 weeks, plus one extra week for feedback and discussion with the entire group.

Remember, you can always do a second round!

## Consider funding

\* Imaginary residency is designed to be easy to do for free. It asks very little of participants. If you live in a place with funding, it can't hurt to apply. It would be great to pay participants.

## Decide Where to Meet

- \* Do you want to meet online? Some options are: Jitsi, OBS Ninja, Skype, Zoom, Google Hangouts/Meet, Gather, and many more.