

Otherworld 2016 Participation Code of Conduct

A core value of the Kindle Arts Society is respect. We respect the needs of both the members of the Society as a whole ("the community") and the individuals who form it. To form a civil and respectful society, we must all share a common understanding of what civil and respectful behaviour means. This code of conduct outlines that common understanding.

Violation of this code of conduct will result in corrective action from the event leadership team up to and including immediate removal from the event and being disallowed to attend future Kindle Arts Society events. Criminal acts will be reported to the police.

By purchasing your ticket and attending the event you agree to the following expectations for participant behaviour at *Otherworld*:

- Enter *Otherworld* only with valid event registration and identification (eg. photo ID).
- Bring everything you need to survive and be comfortable for the four days of *Otherworld*. No food, water, or entertainments are provided by *Otherworld*. There is no vending on site.
- Leave your pets at home (No pets are allowed on site).
- Respect boundaries - physical, sexual, or verbal assault will not be tolerated.
- Do not bring firearms - including bb guns, paintball guns, pellet guns, and toys which bear a reasonable likeness to real weapons, and the like.
- Respect property. Malicious destruction of property – including participant property, site property, and items or artworks which will be destroyed later as part of a performance or spectacle during the event – will not be tolerated.
- Use fire only in a safe manner and only when authorized. All fire performance and fire art must be authorized by the designated fire safety lead and venue owners.
- Respect the 10 Principles of Burning Man, including no vending or commerce, as well as the Society Values of the Kindle Arts Society (see attached).
- Remove all personal items, materials, garbage, beverage containers and other waste that you brought with you or used while attending the event.
- Parents or guardians must supervise children aged 12 and under at all times by keeping the child in sight.
- Parents or guardians must monitor teenagers aged 13 to 18 years old at all times by knowing where their child is and what they are doing.
- Adhere to the event policies, such as Sound Policy and Mobile Art Policy and turn down sound when requested by the event leadership team or Rangers.
- Take pictures only when consent to do so is given.

THIS IS A LEAVE NO TRACE EVENT. TAKE IT ALL HOME WITH YOU. RESPECT THE LAND.

I, _____ have read the Otherworld Participation Code of Conduct and agree to adhere to it. I agree that I may be subject to immediate and irrevocable eviction from the event without recourse or compensation for violation of this code of conduct, and that I may also be denied access to future Kindle Arts Society events.

Signature of Participant

Date

The Ten Principles of Burning Man

Radical Inclusion

Anyone may be a part of *Otherworld*. We welcome and respect the stranger. No prerequisites exist for participation in our community. Otherworld is an all-ages event. **[But please leave your pets at home!]**

Gifting

Otherworld is devoted to acts of gift giving. The value of a gift is unconditional. Gifting does not contemplate a return or an exchange for something of equal value.

Decommodification

In order to preserve the spirit of gifting, our community seeks to create social environments that are unmediated by commercial sponsorships, transactions, or advertising. We stand ready to protect our culture from such exploitation. We resist the substitution of consumption for participatory experience.

Radical Self-reliance

Otherworld encourages the individual to discover, exercise and rely on his or her inner resources.

Radical Self-expression

Radical self-expression arises from the unique gifts of the individual. No one other than the individual or a collaborating group can determine its content. It is offered as a gift to others. In this spirit, the giver should respect the rights and liberties of the recipient.

Communal Effort

Our community values creative cooperation and collaboration. We strive to produce, promote and protect social networks, public spaces, works of art, and methods of communication that support such interaction.

Civic Responsibility

We value civil society. Community members who organize events should assume responsibility for public welfare and endeavor to communicate civic responsibilities to participants. They must also assume responsibility for conducting events in accordance with local, state and federal laws.

Leaving No Trace

Our community respects the environment. We are committed to leaving no physical trace of our activities wherever we gather. We clean up after ourselves and endeavor, whenever possible, to leave such places in a better state than when we found them.

Participation

Our community is committed to a radically participatory ethic. We believe that transformative change, whether in the individual or in society, can occur only through the medium of deeply personal participation. We achieve being through doing. Everyone is invited to work. Everyone is invited to play. We make the world real through actions that open the heart.

Immediacy

Immediate experience is, in many ways, the most important touchstone of value in our culture. We seek to overcome barriers that stand between us and a recognition of our inner selves, the reality of those around us, participation in society, and contact with a natural world exceeding human powers. No idea can substitute for this experience.

KINDLE ARTS SOCIETY VALUES

When a group of people find common purpose and pursue their goals as a group, the byproduct is a community.

To remain a functional community, groups must also come to understand their common values and pursue them alongside their concrete goals.

The Kindle Arts Society is such a community. We share common goals and aspirations, but also a common set of duties, privileges, and values that support our mission.

This is our collective identity: how we see the world, how we choose to interact with society, and how we interact with each other.

The touchstones of our culture include:

- SELF-EXPRESSION
- PARTICIPATION
- RESPECT
- ACCOUNTABILITY

SELF-EXPRESSION

Self-expression is the process of striving to articulate one's unique inner self out in the world. One product of that self-expression is called art. And to create art is to say: I exist. Art does not belong to some elite group with special abilities, skills, training, or social access. Art is essential to human happiness, and self-expression is the very fabric of human life.

This is the nucleus around which our community forms. Without the pursuit of self-expression, we do not exist.

We cherish self-expression and freedom of identity without judgment. We call upon each other to express ourselves with compassion and respect for others. We pursue self-expression with respect given to personal autonomy, as well as our collective autonomy. We eschew controlling each other, and choose to control ourselves.

Our self-expression exists in pursuit of unmediated experience, self-discovery, intimacy, and lifelong play.

PARTICIPATION

Everyone is welcomed with the opportunity to participate and contribute. Access to the society's resources is a privilege secured by our participation in support of the goals of the society.

We are solution oriented and avoid negativity – instead we offer our services to resolve problems.

There is no audience. Everyone is a participant.

Ours is a gifting culture, where participants freely contribute without the expectation of reward or payment. Our gifts take many forms. Many projects involve large groups of community members; however, sometimes the best gift we can give to the Society is to pursue intensely personal inwardly-focussed projects in pursuit of self-expression.

We welcome the stranger, welcome newcomers, and actively pursue hospitality.

We recognize that if we give the gift of our time, effort, energy, art and passion – we create an environment of abundance, where there is plenty for all.

RESPECT

We respect the needs of both the members of the Society as a whole ("the community") and the individuals who form it. We embrace diversity in all of its forms, including but not limited to: class, wealth, religion, race, sexuality, gender, sex, age, physical ability and more. We seek to create an environment of tolerance and mutual support, where we all have a sense of involvement and belonging.

ACCOUNTABILITY

We understand that we are responsible for our own actions, emotions, and experiences – and we are committed to being accountable for them.

We keep our commitments and trust others to meet the commitments they have made to us. We treat each other with equality, tolerance, and respect – even when we disagree. We respect each other's autonomy and strive to help each other to meet our potential.

We strive to minimize our impact on others by ensuring that our own emotional, spiritual, and physical needs are met. We take maximum advantage of our own resources before seeking community support. We do not allow others to clean up after us – all our trash and belongings (physical and mental) are our responsibility to manage.

We recognize that we're accountable for the health of our community, so we cultivate an attitude of community service. We also know that our community is made up of individuals, so we honour each other's personal needs.

We value our community and contribute to it so its resources are never depleted and it can operate in an environment of abundance.