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**KUNSTVLAAI SEMINAR #1**  
**THURSDAY JANUARY 16, 2014**  
**OLD SCHOOL — AMSTERDAM**

Kunstvlaai Foundation invites you to the first Kunstvlaai Seminar ever, on Thursday January 16th in Amsterdam. In between the biannual Kunstvlaai editions, Kunstvlaai intends to be an engaging and active platform for experimental art spaces. The seminar is a prelude to the 10th edition in the Amstelpark in May 2014.

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We welcome all participants from the past, the present and the future, and everyone who is interested in the Kunstvlaai subject matter.

What is this subject matter? Kunstvlaai is about experimental, small scale, non-institutional art spaces – organisations that used to be called artist's initiatives but now have a much more hybrid shape. They are the places where talent is being bred and where emerging artists get a chance to show themselves. But they are also the places where future models for shaping the art world are being tested.

Self-organisation is a current topic in many fields of society. Fields that used to be part of the public cause – health care, education, energy, public housing – and where the system seems to have jammed. It's a good idea

to start doing some things ourselves again. Unless we are playing into the hands of the inventors of the participation society, this neoliberal strategy to keep the public cause away from government.

At the Kunstvlaai seminar we will talk about how self-organisation works or doesn't work in art. What does it mean for the everyday practice of artists and experimental art spaces?

And what is the significance of self-organisers in art for the audience, or for society? Speakers from experimental art spaces and other international Kunstvlaai type festivals will join in presentations and discussions.

With contributions by among others Andreas Ribbung from Supermarket in Stockholm, Anna Schneider of the Festival of Independents Now Here in Haus der Kunst in Munich en Camilla Nørgård of Alt\_Cph in Copenhagen. Curators of Kunstvlaai 2014 Hendrik-Jan Hunneman and Noor Mertens will take us on a lunchtime walk in the Amstelpark to talk about their plans. The final programme will be announced in January.

**date**  
Thursday January 16, 2014  
10:00 – 17:30

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