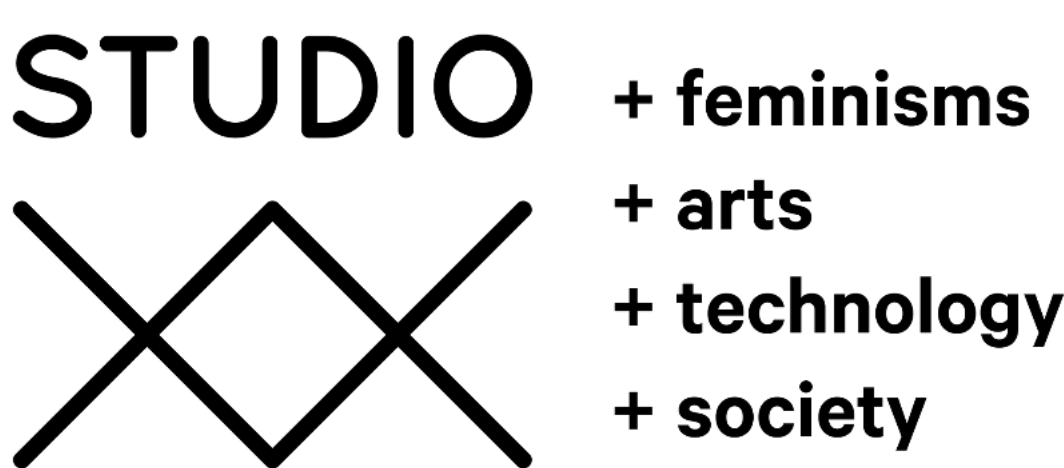


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Our space is closed but our team is still active! Today, we're launching the project *From Our Files*.

Each week, we will explore activities from our archives through two series of conversation starters and DIY experiments. Our [series for families](#) introduces projects which help us find new ways of being together and being at home during this period of physical distancing, with activities to try and questions to ask each other. Our [series for the general public](#) brings together projects from our archives which have explored various kinds of intimate ecologies, and prompts reflection and conversation to nourish our collective imagination.

GENERAL SERIES INTIMATE ECOLOGIES

Is it currently possible to consider any environment something other than an intimate ecology? Under normal conditions a home qualifies as an intimate space, and particularly in quarantine we are experiencing our lives crowded into close proximity: work and leisure and illness unfold in the very same rooms. Our neighbourhoods are another recognizably intimate ecology, and what better reminder of just how closely we live together than the disorienting imposition of 6ft between us? + [READ MORE](#)



INTIMATE ECOLOGIES #1 – With [Queer Sexting Party](#), Kinga Michalska created a space for participants to explore the unique intimacies available through digitally mediated spaces. In the essay accompanying the event Hannah Kaya wrote, “When we take time to slow down; engage deliberately with each other; and linger, perhaps awkwardly at first, in sustained mutual pleasure, digital technologies can help us to practice our communication and establish braver, more fantastical bonds.”

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FAMILY SERIES BEING TOGETHER

Many of you have been at home together as a family a lot in the past weeks. But some of you might also have a parent working in a grocery store, a hospital, a cleaning facility, in a nursing home, or somewhere else where work has to keep going, and you wish you could see them more. [...] These projects help to remind us that there are many ways to be together and to be at home. You will see your friends, family, and all the people that you care about again; in the meantime, here are some ideas for things to talk about and activities to try. + [READ MORE](#)



BEING TOGETHER #1 – In Coral Short's activity [Floral Sleep](#), people practiced listening very closely to sounds made by branches, flowers, and other natural objects. They then experimented with the plants themselves, making sounds to share with the rest of the group. You can do the same thing at home; with the prompts below, explore the sounds made by the objects around you.

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Are you a teacher or a parent? We are launching a newsletter specifically for our educational activities, with original content for families and schools!



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NEWS

In these difficult times, we believe it is even more important to support those who are most marginalized. While some can isolate themselves, others others must return over and over to sites of exposure. Some are already accustomed to being at home but are now faced with exacerbated precarity. And others find themselves not at home at all, but without the freedom to go there: those in prison, in detention, in shelters, in transit. We've sent out [this open letter](#) in support of [#HungerStrikeLaval](#). You can find [here](#) a non-exhaustive list of organizations to support, if you're able.

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