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10 \$ (Free for Studio XX members) | Registration : ateliers@studioxx.org

- Is there a part of Montreal you avoid going to or fear?
- Do you remember the clothes you wore when you experienced any kind of sexual or gender based violence?

When asked, most women and girls can recall the clothes they wore when they experienced sexual violence. We ask, why that is.

Women and girls in many parts of the world have also been raised in an environment that repeatedly warns them to, 'be careful' , to 'protect yourself,' which often translates as, 'If you've experienced sexual violence, you weren't careful enough and you deserve it'.

Memory, both private and collective, may need to be held in safe. The future calls to be fearlessly imagined.

Being an Action Hero: Co Creating I Never Ask For It is a three hour workshop inviting its participants to examine fear, warnings and its relationship with victim blaming. It seeks to build local and plural narratives of place, identity and communities in response to sexual and gender based violence. How do we experience Montreal? What is our story of fear and fearlessness? How do we experience trust in the city ?

You are invited to bring a garment you wore when you experienced sexual threat, violence, intimidation. Your garment is your witness, memory, and truth. There is nothing to defend.

I Never Ask For It.

Led by founder director of Blank Noise, Jasmeen Patheja , the session will also introduce participants to the interventions built by Action Heroes in India. An Action Hero is anyone takes agency to address sexual violence. All of Blank Noise has been built on the lived experience of its Action Heroes.

** The workshop in segments will be audio documented (the audio documentation will be a component of an I Never Ask For It podcast series.*

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In partnership with Concordia University

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Concordia University and Studio XX have the pleasure of presenting an artist talk with [Jasmeen Patheja](#) (Bangalore, India). Patheja is known for her bold and provocative interventions, aiming to challenging the denial and apathy that allows sexual harassment, eve-teasing, and violence toward women to remain normative practices in contemporary societies.

For more than a decade, Patheja has claimed the public space with other women. For example in 2004 she launched Blank Noise, a growing international network of individuals across India and globally who commit to building safe spaces and challenging sexual harassment.

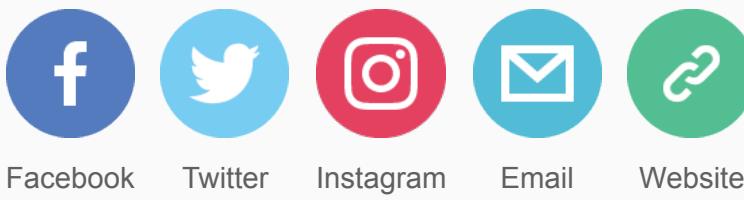
Working with many other individuals, Patheja has produced public interventions, videos, installations, murals, posters, and performances with the objective of instigating attitudinal changes, for example they have organized talks with strangers about "eve-teasing" in the streets, but they also have created memes, posters, and murals to counter gender stereotypes. Importantly, Patheja has reclaimed the internet as a public space: without the internet, the actions in the streets she organizes could not take place; at the same time, without actually taking up the streets, activist interventions would stay within comfort zone of internet users (most of them middle-class) and would not reach people inhabiting the streets.

Patheja's militant use of both online and offline spaces to impact social behavior is an inspiration for Studio XX. With this event, Concordia University joins in the celebration of Studio XX's 20th Anniversary.

Studio XX sincerely thanks Concordia University for their support as partners of this event, generously sponsored by the Faculty of Arts and Science, the Faculty of Fine Arts, the Institute for Urban Futures, and the Departments of Communication Studies, Design and Computation Arts, Studio Arts, Art History and Creative Arts Therapies.

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