

## We are the network - protocol (WIP)

NB: This protocol is given to each participant before the start of the performance. Its object is to explain how the human mesh network will operate during the time of the performance. The protocol is explained within a chronological time frame which should represent how the performance is going to happen. Preferably the number of participants is known in advance.

- Each participant is assigned or draws a number. They can choose to memorise it or hold it in their hand during the performance.
- Once every participant has a number and the performance protocol has been explained once publicly the performance may start.
- At the start of the performance, the participants are to organise themselves within the space the performance will happen. By doing so they will form a network topology.
- Once the network topology has been formed, participant number 1 will be asked to identify themselves. A message will be transmitted to them. This message will be a piece of paper which will contain the content of the message and the final destination (number of last participant).
- Once the message has been introduced, it must be transmitted to the following participant (number of current participant +1). The transmitting participant will call out the target number, who will identify themselves as the desires (saying "Hi!", "Servus" or waving etc...), and will move within the space in order to reach the target participant.
- Once the current participant reaches the target participant, they may exchange the message as well as greet each other.
- The target participant may refuse to accept the message. If that is the case the current participant should call out the following participant and repeat the transmission process.
- Once the message has been transmitted the previous participant exchanges spots with the current participant.
- The new current participant must seek the new target participant in order to continue the transmission chain.
- Each step is repeated until the final destination has been reached. Once this happens, the final participant may choose to share out loud the message or keep it for themselves thus marking the end of the performance.