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Sala d'Art Jove

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Sala d'Art Jove is a Government of Catalonia facility which runs a series of experimental processes intended to interrelate artistic practice, work with young people, arts education and cultural production. It is also based on a networking model which enables joint projects with a range of cultural and educational organisations and institutions while at the same time helping to disseminate work processes in the social environment.

Sala d'Art Jove is based on an annual public call for creators and researchers aged under 30 living in Catalonia, and various kinds of intermediaries (curators, educators, managers aged under 35) who work in contemporary art. Each year a team is formed consisting of the selected individuals to produce projects and draw up the exhibitions and activities programme. Sala d'Art Jove is thus a venue for learning that is based on collaborative and self-training processes, which the selected artists and producers come to not only to carry out their own projects but also to rethink intermediation processes – curating and education – from an experimental viewpoint.

Every year an average of 18 previously unseen projects are produced in the areas of artistic creation, research, education, publishing and intervention in specific contexts. Currently the projects are produced in cooperation with museums and art centres in different parts of Catalonia as part of their respective areas of specialisation and programming: artistic projects are done in partnership with Hangar, Centre de producció i recerca d'arts visuals de Barcelona, research projects with MACBA Museu d'Art Contemporani de Barcelona, education projects with ACVIC Centre d'Arts Contemporànies de Vic, publishing projects with the Centre d'Art La Panera, Lleida, and projects for intervention in specific contexts with the collaboration of the MNAC Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya and Lo Pati, Centre d'Art de Terres de l'Ebre.

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The Sala d'Art Jove has received the ACCA Award for Art Criticism 2009 and the City of Barcelona Award 2012 in the category of Visual Arts from Barcelona City Council.