Subject: artists' talks

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Dear All

Now that everyone is engaged in the artists' talks programme, I thought it was time to introduce you to each other. So, we have representatives from the following places (with names if email gets sent to an individual):

Catalyst Arts, Belfast.
Oslo Kunsthall, Oslo (Sössa Jorgensen)
Living Art Museum, Reykjavik
muu, Helsinki (Timo Soppela)
Overgaden, Copenhagen
Signal, Malmö
Transmission, Glasgow
Proje4L, Istanbul (Vasif Kortun)

Just to run over a few details, the idea of inviting you to participate is that NIFCA offers a modest amount of money to you so that you can pay up to 6 speakers 2000 FIM (approx £200) each to give a talk in your space. Let me know if you think it would be better to reduce this fee & have more talks. The choice of speaker is entirely at the discretion of your space, not necessarily confined to artists. It would be preferable if the talks were additional to your exisiting programme rather than NIFCA supporting already planned activities. The maximum contribution from NIFCA is 30,000 FIM (approx. £3,000) which allows for modest travel expenses if you wish to invite someone from outside your area.

Our interest in this project is that we can see what is relevant to local discourse in your area & eventually publish the talks as a book. For this reason, the only criterion from our side is that you document the talk (audio, video & written paper if possible) & secure permission from the speaker to print their text (we can draft a form for them to sign). All talks must take place before August 2002 to enable this publication. We have the option to put video documentation on our superchannel internet TV site (www.superchannel.org) if that would be of interest.

It would be great to keep this discussion group alive so that each space exchanges information about who they have invited and that our information person, Tuulikki, can announce forthcoming talks on our website (www.nifca.org). These talks are part of a programme we are co-ordinating called Network North which was set up to encourage dialogues between the Nordic region, Scotland & Ireland.

That's it for now - don't hesitate to contact me with questions. I look

forward to hearing what will happen. Best regards Rebecca

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