

**In 2012, World Open Space on Open Space will happen in London.**



**Invitation: Opening space in the UK for WOSONOS 2012 London**

How will we make it happen? Do you want to be part of it?

**6 & 7 November 11-6pm & 10-1pm  
Jerwood Space (Full details below)**

Dear All,

In May of this year, at the close of the Berlin World Open Space on Open Space (WOSONOS for short), we made an invitation, which was accepted - for WOSONOS 2012 to take place in London, for the first time. It will be the 20th World Open Space on Open Space since they first started in the States back in 1982. In 2011 it will take place in Chile.

The international Open Space community is an inspiring group of diverse practitioners working in an incredible range of fields from relief and emergency response work in Haiti, software development, interdisciplinary thinking, peace work, cross cultural understanding and of course the Arts. This event is a great opportunity to share passions and learn more about Open Space by connecting to the incredible wealth of experience and understandings of this fantastic way of working and collaborating.

While it was Matilda Leyser who made the actual invite, it came on behalf of the whole of Improbable, and with the support of the other U.K. Open Space facilitators present – Romy Shovelton and Jon Harvey.

Since 2005 Improbable's research into and application of Open Space, through Devoted and Disgruntled, and many other initiatives supported by the British Council and the Arts Council has broadened the company's reach and purpose, developing an approach to grappling with complex issues and creativity that has not only caught the imagination of the arts community but has also had a huge and very significant influence on Improbable's working practices as a whole.

We now use Open Space to run our company meetings and to create our theatre shows. Open space has also become a practice, which has been adopted by many other arts organisations and bodies through their contact with Improbable.

After 5 years of working with OS it feels like an exciting time for us to engage with the global Open Space community of practitioners who are interested in sharing skills, developing new ways of working and creating an inspiring global community. After Berlin, Matilda and Phelim met with Jon and Romy, and together we decided we wanted to use Open Space to help us facilitate the coming together of a UK WOSONOS 2012 host team.

We want to ensure that anyone in the UK that wants to participate is able to do so. We see this is as a fantastic opportunity for UK OS facilitators, practitioners and participants to meet one another and connect.

There are many different areas to be considered in hosting a WOSONOS and so numerous different kinds of skills and roles are required: websites to be designed and run; venues and accommodation to be found; food to be planned; social events to be cooked up, and more...Please come and contribute your ideas, passions, thoughts, concerns, dreams, questions. All are welcome. We will meet on the weekend of November 6th and 7th to Open Space for a day and a half on our question:

**WOSONOS 2012 London UK: How will we make it happen? Do you want to be part of it ?**

We very much look forward to seeing you there. Please pass this invitation on to anyone you feel will be interested.

Share the link to the invitation [here](#)

**From all at Improbable together with Jon and Romy**

**Date:** 6 & 7 November 2010

**Time:** 11 - 6pm & 10 - 1pm

**Venue:** Space 7, Jerwood Space, Union Street, London SE1 0LN

**We will book a table at a nearby restaurant for a Saturday night social for those that would enjoy this.**

Suggested donations of £20 (£10 Concession) to cover the costs of room hire, stationary, refreshments and admin costs.

**To RSVP for this event and for any further enquiries please email [lorraine@improbable.co.uk](mailto:lorraine@improbable.co.uk)**

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### **Local Transport Links**

4 Minutes walk from Borough (Northern Line)& Southwark (Jubilee Line) tube stations 10 minutes from London Bridge, Waterloo or Elephant & Castle.

Bus services nearby include 45,63 & 100(Blackfriars Bridge Road) 21, 35, 40, 133 & 343

Jerwood Space is in the Congestion Zone but parking on nearby yellow lines is free after 6.30pm and a weekends

Meters operate 8am-6.30pm Mon-Fri & Bank Holidays but remain free on weekends.

A Barclays Cycle station is located just outside, on Union Street.

[Click here for a map](#)

### **Taxi Numbers**

London Bridge Cars - 020 7357 0008 Southwark Cars - 020 7231 1221

### **Local Accommodation**

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All Seasons Hotel [Website](#)

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