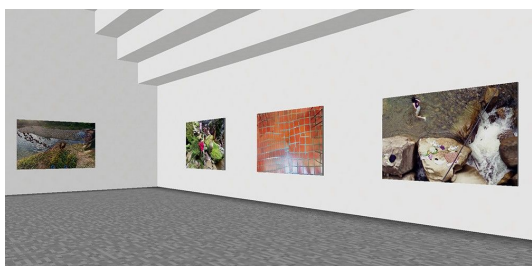


Suggested For You, Localhost Gallery, 2017



One of the primary goals when Localhost began was to seek out ideas and projects that needed more space to breathe and grow. When Lesley University's Gallery South team reached out and invited me to jury an exhibition for their space, I proposed a collaboration with Localhost. Many of the students at Lesley are working as installation based artists, and this format gave them an opportunity to realize larger scale pieces that might otherwise be impossible. I cannot say for sure, but I hope the experience was

beneficial to their practice. The result is an exhibition of seven students that are Suggested For You.

For this exhibition, we asked for submissions which interrogate our relationship to technology, and how this relationship might degrade or enhance our image-driven culture. Each of the seven artists found a different approach to the topic. For example, with Cameron Grant's stained glass piece, we see a traditional craft re-envisioned for the 21st century. The glass has been animated to create a looping video. Or Rafaela Acero's images, which appear to be made at the places where image-making regimes fail, but the absurdity of some pieces call into question their validity - were these images fabricated by an algorithm or Rafaela?

The gallery has been built into an infinite loop that folds in on itself - windows allow you to see into non adjacent rooms. The layout is impossible and hyperconnected. This, and the pieces inside, reflect the reality of technology today. The world is connected in unimaginable ways, and right now a toaster in Japan is likely sending the temperature of someone's toast via satellite to a server in Sweden. Actionable Insight.



-Drew Nikonowicz

Additional Links / Information

Exhibited Artists:

[John Dalterio](#)

Brennan Giles

[Cameron Grant](#)

Rigby Kelly

[Molly O'Donnell](#)

[Rafaela Acero](#)

Bella Steele

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Localhost Gallery is a virtual space accessible within Minecraft, both through an online server, and via downloadable exhibitions which allow offline viewing. The space provides an opportunity to create exhibitions without material expenses and with a higher level of experimentation.