

## [Re]<sup>2</sup> Reconstructing Resilience

Reconstructing Resilience is a symposium and exhibition that brings together researchers, artists, educators, students and community members who are interested in reimagining what it means to be creatively resilient and sustainable within contemporary society. Hosted by the Impact Economy Research Hub (IERH) at OCAD University and using varied engagement methods, this event will highlight local initiatives and act as a knowledge exchange platform for participants.

Resilience, here, refers to a community's ability to creatively adjust and sustain itself in light of rapid and occasionally negative change. Sustainability permeates multiple arenas, including economics, ecology, politics *and* culture. Reconstructing Resilience will provide the opportunity to examine intersections of all these spheres.

Is it possible to construct initiatives that truly bridge all four areas of sustainability? What do these initiatives look like? How is it possible to ensure success, given the diverse intersection of dimensions? And how do we measure this success? Sprout Guerrilla, an urban gardening business that makes graffiti art out of moss to counteract air pollution and educate the community about environmental issues, serves as an illustrative project that addresses these questions.

Reconstructing Resilience invites submissions from researchers, artists, designers and makers. We welcome submissions in diverse formats, including academic research papers, talks and workshops for the symposium, and art/craft/design projects suitable for a group exhibition. The exhibition is scheduled to run from January 15<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in 49 McCaul street. The symposium will fall on Friday January 15<sup>th</sup> and culminate with the exhibition opening on the evening of the 15<sup>th</sup>.

How to apply:

To submit for the exhibition, please send a short bio, statement of interest and 5-10 supporting images.

For symposium submissions, please send a short bio, statement of interest and abstract.

To volunteer, please email your preferred area of expertise.

All completed application packs should be sent via email to [vclough@faculty.ocadu.ca](mailto:vclough@faculty.ocadu.ca) by 5pm, Friday December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015. A limited number of bursaries are available for select students, to cover transport or material costs, please state on your submission if you would like to be considered for funding.