



EPISODE 10 » LIVE ON AIR SATURDAY 4 AUGUST, 10:30AM – 4PM

AMY LEARMONTH: SERIOUS PLAY

WORKAROUND engages with a movement of women focused on advocacy and activism within an expanded field of architecture. Each of these practitioners works towards positive change in the built environment and its surrounding cultures.

WORKAROUND is an online broadcast and a program of live events. Fourteen Australian practitioners each present a critique, conversation, interview, workshop or performance that articulates their strategies and workarounds and reflects on their activist practice.

With design collective Unqualified Design Studio, Amy Learmonth designs interactive and participatory experiences that aim to make everyday citizens (cultural) producers, rather than consumers of public space. Drawing on the concept of 'serious play', her goal is to generate meaningful social interactions in the public realm through spatial interventions, physical installations, performances, spectacles, community workshops and games. These playful interactions address issues of spatial justice in the built environment with varying levels of explicitness. *Serious Play* suggests it is time for a new kind of activism – one that is more inclusive, welcoming and non-judgmental. In this episode, Amy and her collaborators re-imagine the format and the boundaries of protest and action by occupying public space in radical, fun and subtly transgressive ways. They blur the distinction between 'spectator' and 'performer' and invite people to realise their own power and agency through the medium of play.

PERFORMANCE

10:30AM-12PM

A participatory performance at Federation Square

DISCUSSION

2-4PM

A dinner table-style conversation and introduction to *Serious Play*

Collaborators:

Marisa Georgiou, Amanda Haworth, Megan Keene, Fiona McAlpine, Aleea Monsour and Natalie Osborne

Each of the episodes can be watched in real time as it occurs from the set at RMIT Design Hub, or viewed online via the Design Hub website.

Each event is free, but bookings are helpful. More details on each episode and bookings at rmitdesignhub.eventbrite.com.au. Email hello.designhub@rmit.edu.au with any questions.

All events as part of **WORKAROUND** take place in Project Room 1, Level 2, RMIT Design Hub, corner Victoria and Swanston streets, Carlton.

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