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We invite YOU to host a This Is Not A Gun event in your community

This Is Not a Gun engages with the public through community driven workshops hosted by artists, activists, healers, and mindfulness collaborators. Together, participants shape mistaken-as-gun objects in clay, giving presence to their form, the human-rights violations, and racism prevalent in America today.

We endeavor to carve out time and space for a community to site these issues within our own bodies and stories. The collective labor we offer is in deference to and an act of respect towards those directly carrying these burdens. Our workshops cultivate conversation across race, ethnicity, age, and personal background.

**WHAT
WE
DO**

Each workshop upholds a nonjudgmental space for sharing amongst anyone who participates, and dialogue is catalyzed from making and feeling. We are planning a beautiful exhibition of all the objects made all over the country and want you and your community to be a part of it!!



STEP 1
COME TOGETHER
FOR WORKSHOP

- *Let us know you're interested! Email us at info@thisisnotagun.com*
- *Determine your workshop leaders and dates.*
- *Pin down a host space and kiln (for later).*
- *Source your clay and tools - we can help!*



SHARE IN COMMUNITY
DIALOGUE

Create a safe space for sharing. Trust the process: Let the work with clay start your conversation. Make a list of topics you want to cover, and a list of questions you want to consider. Remember to listen, to be open, honest and authentic.

FINISH FIRE + SHIPARTWORK

STEP THREE

- *Gather all your participants names + emails + what they made*
- *Send images to TINAG for press and archive!*
- *Bring your work to be fired.*
- *Send the finished work to central location for group exhibition!*

HAVE FUN
AND
TAKE CARE
OF EACH OTHER

This Is Not A Gun was founded by LA based artist Cara Levine in her studio in December 2016. She co-hosted numerous workshops throughout 2017 - 2018. In 2018, Ekaette Ekong, founder of Woke Magazine, became our healing arts director. Our east coast producer is Jade Thacker. Since the beginning artists, activists, and healers from all over the country have joined forces to work on TINAG.

Our co-hosts have included Shamell Bell, LA Student-Guzman, Pete Jackson, Martinez-Lynch, Kirat Industries, Angela Hen-Action Against Violence...



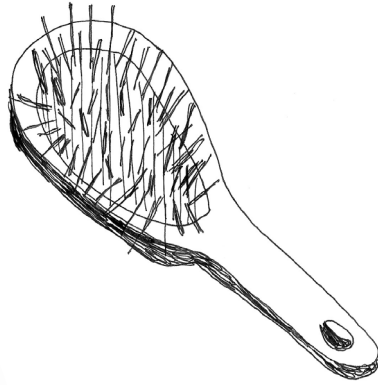
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Our supporting orgs include The Northern California ACLU, Marciano Art Foundation, Women's Center for Creative Work, Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, Santa Fe Art Institute, New Mexicans To Prevent Gun Violence, MNDFL Meditation, Forward Union Fair, Creative Time...



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