

About the "Office Party Marathon"

Sunday 30 November 2014 — 11:00AM to 3:00PM

"What else happens besides work in the workplace? Outside the norm when the conventions of behaviour are relaxed for a while. A ritual that acts as a pressure valve. Making the mundane tolerable."

— Adam Zoltowski, artist and curator of "Office Party" ([12 Nov - 5 Dec 2014](#))

A group of runners will pace around and around and around this uncommonly short course in order to make up the marathon distance of 42K. Some people sign up for runs like this for the challenge, or to achieve a particular fitness goal; others have nothing better to do on a [Sunday afternoon](#).

This particular race is a response to the site itself...a circular office would be a perfect (and perfectly ridiculous) race track demonstrating and documenting (thru video and still image), the silliness that is running for 4-6 hours at a time (marathon runners have to be a bit mad no?) as well as the silliness that is containing this 42km in a 350 metre track (130 laps, give or take)...

A number of people from the Right to Movement running club have been invited to participate, as a sort of preparation for the upcoming Palestine Marathon in Bethlehem, which sees runners going around a necessarily abbreviated course multiple times because an enormous concrete wall prevents a single circuitous route of 42K.

At the same time, this race would be reminiscent of "the rat race" that this office space once embodied; the endless cycle of getting up, going to work, "making a living", coming home, sleep, get up again next day, and start again. Over and over. Another kind of madness...

Suddenly this race becomes an experiment in the subjectivity of time and place...there will be no markers along the course to indicate distance, nor will there be a race clock, leaving the runner to decide: when is enough, enough.

Thank you for your participation in "Office Party Marathon"

— Kelise Franclemont

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