

Collective Action Studio

War Gastronomy: Recipes of Relocation

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The Collective Action Studio (CAS) is a community arts organization who creatively perform their philosophy that art is “a form of community building and nonviolent civil action.” Co-founded by Justin Hoover and Chris Treggiari, the CAS produce artwork, curate exhibitions, and develop educational projects that advance their goals to spread social justice and bring diverse people together through participatory activity. In Cincinnati they will orchestrate the latest iteration of “War Gastronomy,” a mobile storytelling archive that has been previously disguised as a humble food cart. The currency in this exchange is a personal story of relocation – from cultural and geographical to emotional and psychological – told in the form of a culinary recipe. In return, CAS prepare a selection of these recipes and share the ensuing dish with a variety of others as they recount the respective stories. In so doing, an interventionist collection of oral histories becomes a collective platform to see, hear, taste and smell a global menu of cultures in flux. For this project, CAS will work alongside an industrious group of refugee women from around the world who make up “The Welcome Project” – translating the skills and experiences of their constituents into entrepreneurial start-ups.