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## **'As We Move' Container Workshop Series, Jamaica** **Call for Workshop Facilitators**

Container Project is inviting individuals and small groups of digital artists, filmmakers, musicians and creative computer practitioners with an interest in community and network practices, to participate in the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Workshop Series hosted at the Container in Jamaica.

'As We Move' is a concept for community project practitioners interested in sharing the use of new techniques and tools to extend creative projects for communities. Areas of interest are: How to use digital media in storytelling; Introduction to free and open source software and other digital resources; Use of networks and online tools to communicate and promote your project; Developing network-related projects to explore social contexts.

'As We Move' is a year-long series of themed workshops, commencing in April 2008. Participants can stay in Jamaica for a minimum of 2 weeks up to 3 months. Interested participants should indicate the duration of time you think you will best suit the workshop you are offering, and what dates you are available to come.

There are limited places available, and selection of participants will be made on the basis of:

- suitability of the project or idea; and
- potential benefit to the local community and artists involved in the project.

The workshops will seek to:

- Develop knowledge and conceptual skills to inspire development of new forms of community based media and cultural practices.
- Facilitate the utilisation of new digital, cross-platform, electronic and hybrid technologies in community-based contexts. For instance, how to use digital media in storytelling.
- Explore opportunities for artistic, cultural, educational and community development arising from creative uses of networked collaborative platforms.
- Develop practical strategies in a small, interdisciplinary team to broaden social participation in creative uses of information and communication technologies (ICTs).
- Pool existing knowledge resources about creative ICTs and free software options, using collaborative internet-based authoring and content management systems.
- Present and collaboratively develop various models for establishment of economically-viable multimedia laboratories and centres, utilising recycled and repurposed hardware, free and open source software, and do-it-with-others methodologies

If you are interested in coming to the Container community project, to deliver a workshop that meets with any of our expressed objectives, or you have a workshop that you think the project would benefit from,

we invite you to apply. Please send us a brief outline of your project idea and how you think this expedition will fulfil our workshop goals.

Send your application to [containerproject@gmail.com](mailto:containerproject@gmail.com).

The application period is from October 5<sup>th</sup> to January 8<sup>th</sup> 2008. Applicants will be notified by February 2008. Go to <http://www.mongrelstreet.org/5thAnni-Events/5thAnni.html> for more details.

As we are a small grassroots organisation successful applicants will be responsible for their own travel and general living costs to attend the workshop. We can provide you with official letters of invitation to assist your own fund-raising efforts.

The Container Project will sponsor billet-style accommodation, and a welcoming dinner with Container executives.

Jamaica is an exciting tourist destination we therefore encourage participants to plan your trip vacation styled so we can include excursions to various cultural and natural sites of interest include, in Kingston, the Bob Marley Museum and the National Gallery of Art, and elsewhere in the island the spectacular Dunns River Falls, the Blue and John Crow Mountains National Park, Seville Heritage Park, and famous beaches in Negril, Ocho Rios, Montego Bay or Portland, among many others.

If you do not have a workshop to deliver but would like to come as a visiting guest/participant, then alternative arrangements can be made. Please contact me at [containerproject@gmail.com](mailto:containerproject@gmail.com)

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