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19 – 21 February 2016, 11 am – 6 pm
122 Waterbury St. Project Space,
Brooklyn, NYC

Who Owns The Cone?

UK-based curatorial collective VERBureau are pleased to present their latest exhibition, *Who Owns The Cone?* in the new Brooklyn project space 122 Waterbury St.

The participating artists Kaloyan Ivanov, Rachel Sharpe and Carrie Gooch will respond to the socio-political history of ice cream and the city's inhabitants. These artists are concerned with the intersections of the social, political and cultural landscapes of the past and present. Sharpe and Gooch will present their research through digital works-in-progress, whilst Ivanov will create a new iteration of his participatory fabric piece *Void Simulacrum*, which encourages visitors to create their own spaces – both discursive and physical.

The title *Who Owns the Cone?* is a playful nod to the many cities that claim to have invented the ice cream cone, of which New York is one. A source of inspiration for the show was the story of Elizabeth Irwin, an openly gay, Brooklyn-born pioneer of progressive education who used a local ice cream parlour as a tolerant and neutral meeting space to establish the self-organised educational institution Little Red School in 1921.

At a time when society feels at it's most unwelcoming, barricading borders and exacerbating a fear of the unknown, VERBureau would like to introduce the spirit of Irwin's ice cream parlours to 122 Waterbury Street and create a space where the exchange of opinions, freedom of expression and tolerance towards different viewpoints and backgrounds is championed.

Note to editors:

The exhibition will form part of an ambitious project curated by VERBureau, that uses the seemingly playful subject of ice cream to explore urban social history; this will culminate in the exhibition *Pokey Hat* in Glasgow, Scotland in April 2016 as part of visual art biennial Glasgow International. To find out more about Glasgow International visit www.glasgowinternational.org/. To make further enquires about VERBureau and Pokey Hat please send an email to verbureau@gmail.com.

Interviews with participating artists can be organised on request.

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