

The Ministry of the Infraordinary



1.1 Become an M.I.O. Agent:

At the Ministry of the Infraordinary, we are concerned with noticing the subtle fabric that makes up our urban surroundings. Using qualitative and generous methods to interrogate the ever-changing ecosphere that constitutes our cities. Working in close relation with partners such as trees, trash-cans, lamp-posts and the canals we want to promote considerate and intimate relations between inhabitants and inhabited.

To achieve our goals we are dependant on field agents, who helps us notice and promote the infraordinary. To become a M.I.O. Agent, fill out the questionnaire and accept the terms:

A: What is your favorite aspect of the infraordinary?

(Eg. Sidewalks, cables, trees, traffic-lights, canals etc.)

A: _____

B: If *[Insert A]* _____ was an animal, what animal would it be?

(Eg. Seal, Bear, Snake, Fish, Human etc.)

B: _____

C: If *[Insert A]* _____ was a(n) *[Insert B]* _____, what would it do?

(Eg. Dance, make sounds, write articles, play video-games etc.)

C: _____

Now that you have filled in the questionnaire, all that remains is to accept the terms. To do this and complete your recruitment, you have to ask a fellow citizen the following question within 48 hours:

Have you ever thought about how *[Insert A]* _____ ,
resembles a(n) *[Insert B]* _____ that *[Insert C]* _____?

Once the terms have been accepted this document will self destruct.

1.2 Contribute to our mapping:

The Ministry of the Infraordinary invites you to experience the city of Rotterdam in ways you haven't imagined. Let the subjective infrastructure map inspire and guide you and search for views you haven't seen before, look up and under, listen carefully for the subtler sounds of life, consider your place and your role in this network of cables, waves and invisible connections.

In this recent project we have partnered up with the Counter-Tourist Information Center to conduct a subjective analysis of the urban space. Utilizing various technologies we have successfully mapped an outline of some of the networks that permeate our city. To keep up with this evershifting topology, we are dependent on the willingness of people to help us continuously notice different aspects of the urban, in all forms at all scales. So please share your perspective and inform our mapping by placing a pin, and contribute to the photo map that aspires to make the city our own.

You can also contribute to the mapping by uploading your observations, by accessing the link below and follow the instructions:

<https://hub.xpub.nl/chopchop/infraordinary/>

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