

# MANIFESTO

Of the local art militia

*Si vis artem, para bellum*

The local art [militia](#) is an open-source paramilitary system.

The objective of the art militia is to be a framework for self-organization, social bonding, DIY ballistic experimentation, individual and collective art production.

Individual units are autonomous and shall be entirely composed of volunteers.

All units shall be entirely independent, but can agree to combine and form larger units.

All members of the militia voluntarily subject themselves to the basic militia guidelines.

Anyone can found a new unit of the art militia. The first to recruit in a particular area, city or district will in effect become the founder and commander of a new unit.

Officership and its authority shall represent responsibility, not absolute authority. The creative process of any unit should be subject to discussion within the entire unit.

The role of a leader is to structure the combined efforts of the members, not dictate the mode of expression.

Any disputes within a unit should be resolved by voting. This could mean replacing the head of the unit(s) or other officers. Such votes shall never be held during active operations or training, but under resting conditions.

Fredrikstad, 6/12/08

Capt. Stegger Ledaal (sign.)