

Elia Torrecilla - Find yourself

We are all somehow lost in the world. Throughout the day, one or more people will enter different establishments looking for themselves. The person looks curiously inside the establishment, and then he/she approaches the manager (a shop assistant, the hairdresser, the bar waiter...) and asks for him/herself:

Excuse me, is X there?

X waits for the manager to give him/her an answer and looks carefully at the place again.

Then, X says *Thank you very much, I will continue looking.*

Jolanda Jansen

25 min.

In the beginning, I mainly experienced discomfort and absurdity with the idea of doing this action. I decided to drink tea on a terrace and then go in after a while and ask for myself. I couldn't commit to this because it seemed too illogical. Then I decided to walk into any store and do it there. The Corona measures made it too difficult to just walk in because of queues outside and people inside talking to customers. It did not seem logical to disturb people for this. The conclusion is that during Corona times people are more focused. I experienced the idea of asking for myself as a 'confused person'. In the end, the hairdresser seemed like a good place. Once inside, I finally asked if Jolanda was there. They asked which Jolanda and I said Jansen. The woman answered with: *No, maybe you should go to another hair salon.* Ok, I said, I would look further. I experienced a very 'lost' feeling, as described in the proposal.

Louwrens Botha

I looked for myself at the Cafe 't Peerdt.

(I thought I might be in the mood for a beer). Because of Corona-measures, the bar was completely empty inside apart from the two people working. It was very obvious that I wasn't there but I asked anyway. Just to be sure.

This was the most nerve-wrecking performance because I was interacting directly with someone and I felt that I might be wasting their time, or that I might be 'caught'. But really, it was fine.

A Needle in a Haystack

A person stands in the middle of a square and begins to search in the ground for a (nonexistent) needle. Another person in the group comes up and helps to search. All members of the group join the mission. If it is at night, the light of the mobile phone will be used to illuminate the ground. If someone asks, they will answer that they are looking for a needle.

After 15 minutes approx., the group gives up and disperses.

Nico Parlevliet

The searching by the light of the phone on a part of the pavement where you knew that you would find nothing was accompanied by the sound of people drinking on the cafe terrace. We lost a lot of concentration because of those sounds. But it was already late and we were tired.

Stefanie van den Bos

We were looking together on our knees with background music.

There was no needle anymore.

Later, after this searching in the haystack, I found another sort of glittering sparkling little round form at my floor - very funny - and, thank you , both, so much that I found it.

Frans van lent

We did our best to concentrate on this small (almost last) task we had. By taking a distance in order to make a photo, I perceived us crawling in this circle of light, focusing into the darkness. At that moment I realised that, while we were doing this, we were very conscious of the effect it would have on passers-by (who were not there).