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**research to performance**

# **moving beyond “research or practice”**

**some preoccupations:**

- **queer theory**
- **“identity in groups” versus “identity through networks”**
- **decision making & fairness**
- **improvisation**
- **interaction & collaboration**
- **play, games & gameplaying**



# THE PEOPLE SPEAK

<http://thepeps.net/>



*Who Wants to Be? (2008 - )*

*“a live reality game-show where the audience make up the questions, have all the answers, and set their own rules, using a simple voting system.”*

*“Did you know that in the ‘Ask the Audience’ bit of the TV game show ‘Who Wants to Be a Millionaire’, the audience is right 98.9% of the time? ‘Who Wants to Be’ was born when we realised that if the audience could set the questions, as well as giving the answers, and making up the rules - we’d have a recipe for social change.”*

# THE NEO-FUTURISTS

<http://www.neofuturists.org>

**Too Much Light Makes The Baby Go  
Blind: 30 plays in 60 minutes**

**“The single unifying element of these plays is that they are performed from a perspective of absolute honesty. We always appear as ourselves on stage, speaking directly from our personal experiences.”**



# FORCED ENTERTAINMENT



"The very early shows we made more or less as if there were a fourth wall in place. Very closed off. But as the work developed we began to notice and deal with the audience a lot more. So in the beginning of *Maria & Lee*, Cathy Naden delivers a strange physics lecture to the audience – as if that's what they're there to see.

We talk about these as processes of misrecognition and as a fictionalisation of the audience. Putting the audience in a fictional place by addressing them wrongly."

<http://www.forcedentertainment.com>

# the “ultimatum game”

two players decide how to divide a sum of money.

the first player proposes  
how to divide the sum

the second player can  
either accept or reject  
this proposal



if the second player rejects,  
neither player receives  
anything

if the second player  
accepts, the money is split  
according to the proposal.



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**a small problem**

**or,**

**"the trouble with trillions"**

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