



EL SPACE

We Build Communities

What is it ?

EL_WALL is a Community wall.

Community walls are a phenomenon that existed since the dawn of civilisation where human communities decided to stay in one place rather than travel around the world. As humans built houses and empires, there was always a wall, somewhere, anywhere, in a cave or in a city where people engraved whatever was trending during that time of history. Inspired by the human history, community walls made it through indoor spaces and transformed into a global project as we see in all the improvised chalkboards in the streets and even inside offices as a collaboration tool.

EL_Wall takes the concept to a new level and invites community members to reflect on their profiles and share their skills, contacts and aspirations in the coworking space they belong to.





Why is it useful ?

It is an effective tool to encourage community interactions and collaboration with a limited management intervention, only in the beginning to explain how it works and set it up.



How do I build a wall ?

If you are interested in creating a wall, please contact us first (ahla@elspace.org), we'd love to interact with you, and let us know the context of your proposed wall and who will be creating it (entrepreneurs, freelancers, students, volunteers...).

We will provide you with more information adapted to your settings.

We've provided step-by-step instructions, a checklist of materials, helpful examples, and other resources in this guide.

BUILDING UP !



STEP#1: Choose The Site

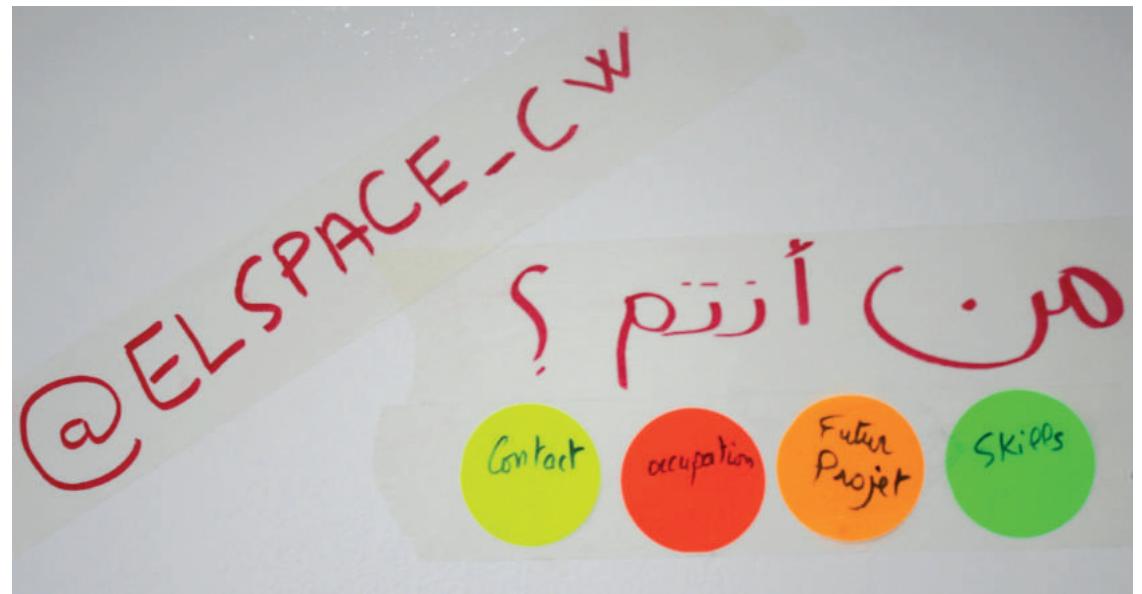
The ideal location has a lot of foot traffic, ambient lighting and little natural disasters (rain, wind, humidity...).

Once you find the optimal location, check with the coworking community and see what they think of the idea and always involve the space manager(s) in the process to get permission. If you are the space manager, you are the king/Queen of your space and you can do whatever you like, but always involve the community for they are the soul of the space.

In case the wall should not to be damaged (due to landlord requirements), you can as well build plywood walls and attach them to the actual walls. We actually do not recommend using windows because we believe that in a coworking space natural light is the best lighting we can have, more sun equals more energy!

A wall can be created by one person,

but it's always better if you have help and fun with coworkers, friends, family members, neighbors, classmates, and organizations who can help provide a space or other resources.



STEP#2: Ace The Checklist! ✓

We prepared a handy checklist of materials to make your EL_Wall. We've tried to include everything which will vary depending on the size of your wall and what materials are available in your location. The total cost should not be more than 20\$.

Read below for the materials list with pictures as the designation differs from a country to another and feel free to purchase materials from other sources and share them with us. Note that this checklist is highly dependent on the size of the wall.



Cups:

To keep all cut pieces of paper organized in one place.



Writable Duct Tape (painters type):

To write the names



Colorful adhesive papers:

To be cut in small pieces (with or without a defined shape) Where we can write the small things



Pen: To write the small things (phone, email, occupation, future project, skills)

Marker: To write the big things (name, surname)

STEP#3: Be Loud and Proud! 📣

A community event should be prepared in advance and can also be improvised, it all depends on your internal communication strategy whether it is last-minute-craze or smooth long-term advertising.

But most importantly, inform the people who buzz around the wall so they know what's happening, why, and how will they be part of it. It is better to use social media, online publications and your community mailing list to promote the community wall.

Finally, schedule a launch event, which also can be part of a bigger event, and invite people to know more about EL_Wall and collaborate in creating it.



STEP #4: Make it! 🙌

Creating EL_Wall is an ongoing task, but you can bound it with deadlines and objectives. Installation day would not be a time consuming and tiring process as people will share the majority of the tasks.

You can simply put all materials in a small table just besides, or in front of, the desired wall with indications on what to write on which kind of paper. We do recommend that you explain it to the people who will do it just to foster human interactions, but never forget that the main idea behind it is to encourage creative discussions.



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