



# Jenny Polak

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## In situ Sanctuary

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**Arte Útil archive nr:**  
230

**Initiator:**  
Jenny Polak

**Location:**  
United States

**Category:**  
politics, social

**Users:**  
Jenny Polak, Art Gallery,  
undocumented immigrants

**Maintained by:**  
Jenny Polak, Exit Art

**Duration:**  
2003

**Description:**

The project is a site specific prototype created to match the space of a gallery. The initiators designed fake column and fake beam which visitors could climb up inside. A monitor connected to a surveillance camera showed who was inside the structure. The initiator designed a series of structures replicating some hidden places which either immigrant workers or persecuted people have been using to hide from the authorities.

**Goals:**

To hide people from the authorities.

**Beneficial Outcomes:**

The structures could keep their users purposely invisible and safe when immigration officers arrive.

**Images:**

