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A collaborative project by Echo Echo's Steve Batts and artist Dan Shipsides. Based at a Donegal coastal climbing location and a city exhibition base, V.N.B. is a residential experimental climbing / art / dance project that investigates the contrasting and comparable notions of climbing as sport and climbing as creative engagement. Interested people could join the camp in September 2011 for various activities and camping. The blog is an insight into V.N.B.'s creative development.

Project blog: <http://verticalnaturebase.blogspot.com/>

Several elements exist to the project - some temporary and ephemeral and some as objects and permanent as process or forms.

**Links to various elements**



*Topophile / Topophobe HVS 5a (new rock climbing route)*



*Exhibition (Echo Echo studio gallery space)*



*The Platform (the structure in its locations)*



*Surface Response (the surface responding)*



*Dance elements (movement, people interaction)*



*Landscape and "being there" (life at the cove)*

**DOCUMENTARY:** a short documentary was made on V.N.B. which you can watch here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GsvOsXgawfE>

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