

THIS IS A MANIFESTO FOR THOSE WHO DREAM OF A BETTER WORLD. ANYONE SEEKING TO TRANSFORM INJUSTICE INTO CARE IN THE CULTURAL SECTOR, DISCONNECTION INTO SOLIDARITY, AND STAGNATION INTO CREATIVITY. IF YOU'VE FELT THE URGE TO ACT BUT DIDN'T KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN, LET THIS BE YOUR INVITATION.

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We demand stop the violence, start the rooting, dismantling of oppressive systems, a planet-first approach: care for all beings, slow down to protect.

We invite you to become part of the Cultural Transformation Movement. Share your voice, create liberating spaces, and nurture change in your community. Together, we will transform!

# The MANIFESTO

A collective call to action

We loved, we had a home, we saw, we had to endure, we were strangers, we were not here, we were here, we are trapped, we are in pain, we are transparent, we endure it, we try, we build, we explore, we swallow, we digest, we have a longing, we settle, we breathe slower, we have arrived, we root ourselves.

this is a constellation of dreams, wishes, needs and demands!

WE WILL BE A WE

We will continue until our voices find an echo, they will.

We will not shut down, make space for other sounds. Invite and welcome nurture and transform, We will grow know we don't know learn and unlearn reflect and return.

We will rebuild, restore, repair We will not despair We will slow down and run We will step back and jump We will reformulate, negotiate; accept friction and navigate.

We will revoice We will make noise We will continue until our voices find an echo, until they will

We will acknowledge, keep on adding to the knowledge We will care better, share better We will know better, see better We will be transparent and clear We will be visible with all our fear We will whisper until we shine We will take and give our time

WE WILL

TAKE TIME MAKE TIME TAKE SPACE MAKE SPACE  
BREATHE FREEZE BREATHE THERE DARE RESIST  
FREEZE FREE BREATHE BE(A) WE INSIST

CONTRIBUTE

to the unsilencing of silenced stories that yearn and struggle to be remembered and set free urgently

QUESTION

the still normalized colonial, oppressive gaze and exploitative modes of production in inter-sectional ways.

LISTEN  
to the unheard and unexpressed requests.

CELEBRATE

difference and see the strength of what we call vulnerabilities.

DISEMPOWER AND RECONSTRUCT

the belly of the beast aka the fortress of Europe.

(RE)BUILD

our practice on love. Not success.

REPUDIATE

war and violence in all its forms, meanings and places.

SLOW DOWN

to take care of our precious planet and her animals.

FREEZE

WE FREEZE  
TO FREE

CARRY

collective responsibility and boycott, protest, address.

SAY NO

to patriarchal, (neo-)colonial, imperialist, racist, classist, ableist, ageist, sexist, fatphobic, queerphobic systems of oppression.

CREATE

liberating spaces for people to meet, think, feel, unite and encourage sustainable practices of caring.

FREE

our bodies, minds, feelings. Free we'll be: imperfect and proud. Imagining, hoping, imagining hope.

WE'LL BE WE

KEEP LONGING, BELONGING  
KEEP GROWING AND GLOWING  
KEEP LIVING AND GIVING  
KEEP DREAMING  
KEEP SCREAMING:

EMPOWER

connection, practice deep listening and support, to connect with others.

TRANSFORM

change shape and sound and colour.

Let's rebuild, let's repair. Let's nurture, let's share. Let's listen, let's care.