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MEMORY

How we relate to the memory of places, constructs our identities and everyday lives. The monuments and memorials we build, the stories we read and perform create through embodiment our social selves. They create bondages and connection to a place or separation and anxiety of the unfit.

Who tells the stories matter more than ever. The social upheaval of recent years call for more participation, representation, and inclusive interpretation allowing voices and gestures to act out.

After a busy day of work, after a week with your mind overloaded with so many demands, how to exhale the pressure and have a relaxing breath when the air is highly polluted? After decades dedicated to working, it is not fair to have as compensation diseases caused by the toxins thrown into the air. How to depressurise your mind walking along a dead river where there is more threat than conditions for organic life? After centuries to produce these spaces, it is not fair that the more vulnerable inhabiting it are the most exposed to intense floods of toxic water that take away what was built along their lives.

A city cannot be just when it is a sickening environment that diminishes our well-being and sickens us physically and mentally. A city cannot be a sacrifice site. Making a city a home requires unmaking the separation between organic and non-organic life. It is to give health to rocks, earth, water, and air where our bodies lie, our feet step, our eyes shine, our noses inhale, our ears listen, our brains breathe, and our hearts blossom. Our porous skin, our eyes, mouth, ears, and nose are our open membrane through it the city inhabits us, as do the planet and the cosmos as well. We wish for cities that do not kill us when the vast immensity that composes us keeps alive a taste for infinity.



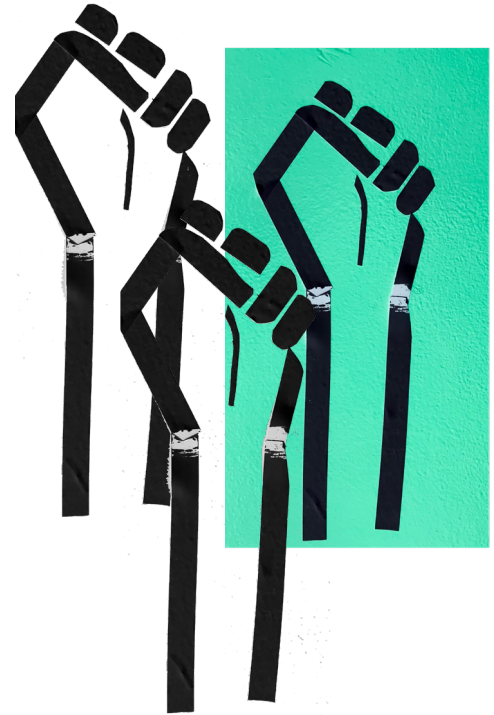
In a just city, decent living space is a right, not a commodity.

In a just city, new and redevelopment are decided democratically.

A just city does not burn fossil fuel to power itself.

In a just city, public and muscle-powered transport are the main means of getting around.

A just city provides sanctuary and cares for its most vulnerable inhabitants, human and more-than-human.



NOW

Activism can be a route to collective reflection, reasoning, and imagination. It calls for an ‘act now’ within a matter of urgency for the seen and unseen and its implications for the future. These are the forms of collective memory in our current times.

Public space No space can be more democratic than public space. Albeit sometimes disguised, it is still the most open and inclusive space where diverse encounters can happen. A just city has public space in which people can encounter each other and spend time together without having merely to consume.

FUTURE

Indigenous wisdom and learnings for becoming our more symbiotic selves through acts of othering, of landscapes and nature for securing our common future.

