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Build new communities

We are living in a fast changing world. Technology moves us into a utopian perspective. We expect to solve problems with our digital world which gives us new means to build further on old ideals and new dreams.

The architect is moving towards a more active practice of inventing new ways of life and technical ways of implementing this. More and more the “civil society” is becoming reality.

We live highly individual and more social in collectives we choose and create ourselves.

Be it the way we live and build houses, or the way we cope with aspects of daily life, care for our children, or taking care for our environment. There is more experiment in lots of activities. We are getting involved with nature again, we undertake things ourselves, not waiting for others. We enter into an alliance with others who have the same dream, and the digital world makes it possible.

The adaptable city should give all room to people to make their life useful and happy.

We make the city ourselves.

A temporary event is the permanent image and feel for a place.

How can we reform the way we build, so that we help people to build by themselves. How can temporary interventions help us to grow naturally to a more sustainable environment.

How can we use new media to implement new initiatives and give them more power to the people.

What can we do to bring life into the areas which now are derelict because of a slower development, or which we pulled down too early, just before the crisis was hitting us.

How can we fasten the meaning and use for the citizens of these areas full of chance.

How can new/social media help us.

The adaptable city means we now can generate action to the city by its people, not by making plans or waiting, but by doing something: what can we do, together with new stakeholders, with nothing more than a will to do something, how can we help to build new communities.