

I, an urban dweller, believe in radical environmental protection and deliberate democratic values. Since these two are interconnected, we must ensure that everyone has a voice and we must work together to meet the climate challenge and transform the cities in which we live in.

We need to listen to all stories and we need to embrace collective good and joy. We can do this through education, professional careers, art, film and activism that hold everyone's abilities and achievements up. And by embracing antiracism we can move on and begin our progress to recovery, inclusion and diversity both in nature and in society.

We live chaotic times, in which each individual lives in their own world, as a bubble which retains his emotions and feelings in which they cause conflicts in his mind creating an internal war with himself, causing it to be reflected in its environment.

We can all manage and create great contributions in our environment, community or even globally, however as a species in constant evolution by nature our instinct forces us to move forward thanks to our reasoning and above all out of curiosity of learning from the mistakes made and the positive successes that we make.

That means that our mind is constantly growing and evolving, achieving a change in consciousness with chain reaction effects for a positive future in favour of humanity and the restoration of our planet. We are all unique as atoms in constant movement that in union and harmony of each one of us can accomplish the impossible to make it happen.

I, urban dweller, believe more education on local political systems is needed, getting to know who your local representative is and asking, do they hold your same values and where do their interests lay? If they don't align with your values and community needs, vote them out at the next election and lobby those who do. To be able to co-ordinate and communicate on a mass scale and deliver information instantaneously and act on it, is a form of power that is ours, right here, right now. Informed voting, direct access to information and instant communication is the power of the people, and this is how we can start to effect change!

I, urban dweller, think that during these difficult and changing times, our empty streets present a multitude of complexities and questions regarding confinement and freedom, isolation and protection, and the value of human presence and labour, or the lack thereof.

I, urban dweller, think that this year has given me a greater consideration of the spaces that I occupy. I continue to look back at what I used to make and write, and see that it stemmed from thousands of different streams of influence. I was overwhelmed by the amount of new experiences that I came into contact with, and this was reflected in that my mind was scattered and it was difficult to think properly. It's become so enclosed. The way forward must be to continue to share and relate to one another, and talk about the 'now' that we all similarly but separately experience in our own rooms, even if that does feel entirely narcissistic.

Our empty streets present a world where expressive walls and bare streets perhaps did not have the same significance as in the present moment. Our current reality reveals to us the unadulterated truth about the world we live in. A truth that exposes in full capacity the disastrous effects – in the past, present and future – of capitalism on our planet and the people who inhabit it.

Our streets encapsulate the feelings of disorientation, loneliness and self-worth in a world where the economy has more precedent over human life. With hope, all these layers and facts should force us to



boldly re-examine the histories which have led us to this point and what we can do to change our current environment and systems during and after this pandemic.

I hope to see this pandemic unite the working class people. I hope the struggle that has been put on the working class people helps us to relate and reason with each other. Community will be the thing to help us move forward.

I, urban dweller, stopped being afraid. I understood that all I have is now and all I want to do can be done only now. It helped me to fall in love with every second of my life and treat it as something special. It made me appreciate every person in my life. I don't say that bad things stopped happening, but I say that I stopped seeing them as bad.

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