

Manifesto

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Who am I to decide the future?

Out of all of us, why should I influence our future fate?

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Our world is changing faster and faster.

In a world where Google has replaced most libraries,
and labour markets change rapidly,
Capacity to change becomes the most valuable commodity.

Whomever creates change the fastest, decides our fate.

In a world where young people are drugging themselves to perform;
Where democracy is globally in decline;
Where education and other public services are increasingly privatized;
Where the tech industry both creates and exploits our dependency on
everyday technologies.

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But, we also live in a world where young people are yearning for meaning
and compassion;
Where the powerless relentlessly raise their voices;
Where our communities, online or offline, are spaces for sharing
knowledge and ideas;
Where we have more time to think, and more means to care.

Each of us has a choice:

We could resist change;
We could submit to change;
Or we could create change ourselves.

Actually, each of us has a responsibility.

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Who am I to decide the future?

I should be! But not alone

How could I help others engage with, take action towards, and take ownership of their own personal and collective futures?