

16.10 ARCHITECTURES OF DECONSTRUCTION

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**19.00–21.00,
WTC-I, 23rd Floor**

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You Are Here puts twelve urgent questions on the agenda, both in exhibition and in programme: with the slogan “no transition without spatial transformation”, we ask the question what role spatial design can play in imagining and testing optimistic answers. The World Transformation Sessions is a series of twelve public debates where innovative practitioners speak up. Their presentations are followed by a conversation with other persons of interest. As such, transition thinkers, experts, spatial planners and architects are invited to the 23d floor of the WTC-I building.

What is it all about?

If we aim for a sustainable way of living, we need to get rid of our addiction to fossil fuels and make the transition to a circular economy. And that is also an urban issue. The flows of raw materials, energy and products feed our cities, only to be subsequently disposed of as waste materials and waste. The construction sector also plays a major role in this: it consumes large amounts of labour, energy and materials. And that while many buildings - also in the Northern Quarter - are already being demolished after thirty years. But if we collect knowledge about our material flows, we can also harvest that residual flow. Can we redraw the design and construction process in such a way that the demolition and reuse of the materials is taken into account at the start? Which street scene, which architecture does this yield?

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