30.10 SPACES OF SOLIDARITY

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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?

Where many people come together, the greatest social and economic dynamics, challenges and tensions also occur. A mixed image is created in the daily news: the city as the place where the increasing inequality becomes painfully readable, but also the city as a social ladder for many. While many designers treat the city primarily as a physical space, more and more practices focus on the city as a social, lived-through space. They design the future of public spaces or of neighbourhoods based on anthropological research into the daily use or the appropriation of space by various population groups. Others try to make the link between the analytical, retrospective capacity of disciplines such as sociology or economics, and the future-oriented power of design and urban projects. The instruments of design, from charting to redrawing and imagining dynamics and developments, allows for the social issue to be proactively addressed.