We can’t help but go on as before. ❝
We can’t help but change everything. ❞

The same expression is used, in the name of common sense, to assert one direction and its opposite.

Starting from a situation of explosive fragility in the ecological, energy, territorial, economic, food, social, health, political, etc. fields, the crisis caused by a virus plays the double role of a detonator and a revealer.

The fire brigades have intervened in an emergency: masses of funding hitherto inaccessible or even unimaginable have been poured in order to allow resilience, i.e. a return to the past, which would allow the restoration, without cost limit, of the dangerously incoherent world of before.

Respiratory assistance. A patient is not put into intensive care when there is no foreseeable hope for a better life. And the world "before" was already in a destructive impasse.

Philosophers, politicians, town planners, economists, come up with ready-made solutions that belong to a future that is still being planned according to predictions that will not come true.

The International Labour Organization predicts that by the start of the new school year, half of the world’s working people will have lost their means of subsistence. This prediction may not come true, but it draws our attention to the precariousness of many citizens.

This is an opportunity to lay the foundations for a simply livable environment for the city and the present, in conditions that are disrupting our daily lives, using the energies and opportunities of chaos.

The proposal of this working group is to establish points of reference, some known, some unknown yet, which will help to improve living conditions in the city and above all by doing so in the present, small adaptations or sensitive transformation of the way of living.

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