

***Dismantle neoliberalism build tools, technologies and institutions for the cooperative city!***

***The disruption created by deindustrialisation, the financial crisis, austerity, environmental plunder, Trump, Brexit, the coronavirus pandemic and war in Ukraine, means we have to rethink the city beyond existing models. The cities we crave do not exist. There is no blueprint for them. Yet neither are they a conspiracy theory or an illusion. They are missing cities that need to be realized.***

***The cooperative city needs everyone to remake it according to their needs. This is independent of the usual suspects of professional politicians, bureaucrats, auditors, councillors, think-tanks, land-owners, entrepreneurs, philanthropists, investors and retired middle class professionals with experience in local and third sector politics.***

***Where such multiplicities do not already exist, say, as civic populations or publics, the missing must be called forth to take over. This includes the marginalized, the disadvantaged, the disempowered and the disaffected.***

***We are not talking about producing an equivalent to the Smart City, neither are we concerned with growth or expansion. Cities must remain hospitable to the useless and unproductive, as well as to the strange, the surprising, the weird and the monstrous.***

***Cities are messy. Within any 'one' city there are a number of resources, priorities, communities, groups, movements and organisations. The cities we speak of include ideas of platform co-operativism and municipal socialism, comprising 'sanctuary' and 'solidarity' cities, mutual care networks, credit unions, people's banks, community land trusts and so on.***