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TESTIMONIALS – OUR CREATIVE FACTORY PARTICIPANTS AT THE LAST DAY OF UN COP21 (Climate Change Conference)

(typed up by Leigh Dowsett, Trustee, from the book circulated on last day for anyone who wished to write feedback or a reflection, November 2016):

“What an incredible hub of hope, cooperation and creativity the Factory has been! It gave us a place to come and re imagine, at a time when new stories, humour and dissonance are needed more than ever. I am sorry for the people at the blue zone that haven’t been able to experience anything like this!”

- Marta Ceroni (Executive Director, Donella Meadows Institute)

“I’ve spent most of my time these two weeks working on the creative factory. In teams, we brainstorm ideas for projects to increase public awareness of Climate Change. We design a way to deliver our ideas, much the same way as a team might deliver a proposal for a PR campaign to a funder. I have, in various groups, created three projects, all of which I think could come to fruition and are innovative as anything that is currently in circulation among global NGO’S In other words, the leaders of change are here in this room as far as I am concerned. I will replicate this process in my home state, blending art, technology, communication and education, while others talk listen and zone out, here we create! “

- Soren Worth

“The Creative factory has made the experience of coming to Paris for COP21 meaningful and engaging when it might not have been. Interactive, creative, imaginative, disruptive, courageous, dangerous – all the ingredients that are needed to create, or at least nurture, ‘emergence’. And emergence is I think where this leads and what is needed – sudden and surprising things, thoughts, actions emerge. It is an alchemy of all the gifts and treasures that come from the hearts, minds, souls, laughter, tears, blood and deaths of lovers of life and of nature from way back when until now and forever. Sensational work that will influence my work and I can’t wait to see how! Creative factory – lots of new ideas, enlightening, with good insights into better communication about Climate Change. But even better – it was good fun! Well done David, Ophelia, Chris and team”

– Keith Joseph

“Thanks for all this creativity, joy, pleasure, ideas, journey through hope and solutions. Change is on its way! Bonne Continuation!”

- Sylvian

“It was such an amazing time at the factory, no 1 topic. I am ready to change my writing for changing the story! “

- Jenne

“Thank you SO much for making this happen! It was so inspiring with so much positive thinking. It really gives me hope for the future and this is the beginning. Let’s create all together this Solarpunk world of tomorrow!”

- William

“As a visual artist I was conscious that we couldn’t change the system without producing, creating, imagining a new frame of the world representation. I’m very very grateful to the Creative Factory and Forever Swarm to have created the place where to gather creativity imagination. And I really want to be part

of the following! Please write to me and invite me to collaborate. And again, thanks for having pointed in a so relevant way some of the central points of the possibility of changing. THANKS A LOT IS WAS NECESSARY!"

- Marine Girard

"The Creative Factory ENERGY AND JOY for two weeks it was all about sharing, laughing, imagining, feeling, listening, creating our future = ACTING instead of fearing the future. It is a fantastic experience, very empowering that created strong relationships with others, people who had never met before but who became friends, a real community. Thank you for inspiring!"

"Great experience @ the Creative Factory! It was perfect for me because I came to Place to B not as part of an organisation so it was great to be part of a group and contribute to the narrative, the collective narrative. I also learned so much! The mix of people was incredible, the workshops were very well led, feedback was always constructive, and the meditation was a great addition. The speakers always inspiring. The visuals very enchanting. Seriously: THANK YOU CREATIVE FACTORY TEAM Art, creativity and radical dreaming for a renewed world!"

"During two weeks as a volunteer and the sessions of the creative factory I lived something really strong. I find positive minds, sharefull people, happiness, emotions. We share fantastic experiences imagining a better world by creating. Thanks to that, I discover a sensible part of myself, turning toward others and I am grateful for that. Thanks to all the team."
