



THE LOUDSPEAKER

A PLACE to Shape Ideas into Impact

Dear {{ contact.FIRSTNAME }},

Change can begin in different ways. For **PLACE**, it is possible through shared journey and designing spaces that allow us to work as a community. This month, we will feature several stories and initiatives on **how people and communities have been creating inclusive environments that will shape our future.**

This issue of the LoudSpeaker includes stories about [Selma Rassoul's path to becoming an activist and leader](#); [Resilient Cities](#)' and [ParticipAction](#)'s approaches to developing alternative methods of engagement with the development process; and a growing number of entrepreneurs who are taking steps to turn their ideas into realities. You'll learn about activist approaches that continue to help foster new types of creative expressions, connections, and imaginative thinking.

Thanks again for your support and membership in the PLACE Community. Enjoy reading this issue.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO TURN LIVED EXPERIENCE INTO LEADERSHIP?

VOICES OF TRANSFORMATION

From Lived Experience to Collective Impact
Selma Rassoul



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ON OUR BLOG

In our latest blog article, [Voices of Transformation](#), [Selma Rassoul](#), PLACE's Head of Programs and Advocacy, opens up about her personal journey, from navigating systems that weren't built with her in mind to helping reshape them from within. She shares **how her lived experiences became a source of insight and strength**, guiding her path toward becoming a voice in **shaping the very policies that once shaped her**. An honest and inspiring story about overcoming barriers, finding your place at the table, and working toward a future built *with* people, not just for them.

[READ THE ARTICLE HERE](#)

RESILIENT CITIES & PARTICIPACTION: HOW DO WE SHAPE POLICY TOGETHER?



What does inclusive policy-making really look like in practice? Through [Resilient Cities](#) and [ParticipAction](#), we're bringing together complementary approaches to make decision-making more inclusive, representative, and impactful.

[Resilient Cities](#) focuses on strengthening the participation of people with a migration background in local policies, ensuring their perspectives are meaningfully included in shaping more inclusive urban communities.

Alongside this, [ParticipAction](#) empowers young people to step into policy spaces with the skills and confidence to contribute and lead.

As part of the [ParticipAction program](#), we're continuing our advocacy journey this April with a hands-on workshop for young people ready to turn their ideas into impact. You'll learn how to structure your arguments, develop clear policy recommendations, and influence decision-making.

EVENTS YOU CAN'T MISS ←



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PARIS

FORME-TOI À LA RÉDACTION DE POLICY PAPERS POUR FAIRE ENTENDRE TA VOIX!

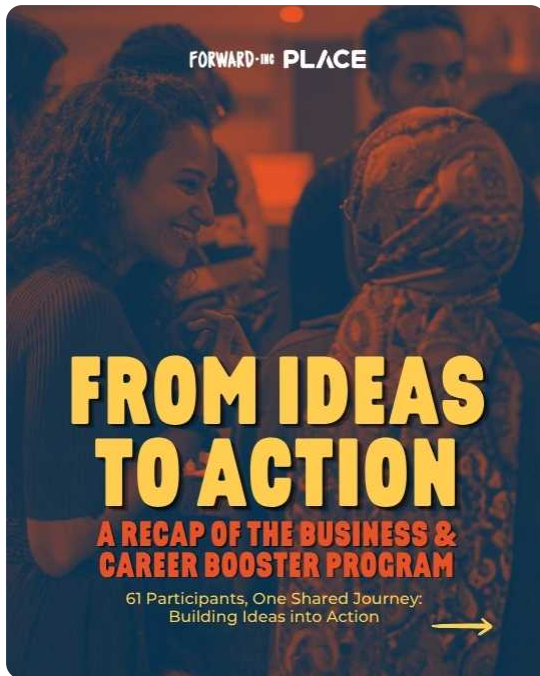
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💡 By the end of the session, you'll have your own first policy paper—and the opportunity to take your ideas further at the European level.

🆓 Free and open to beginners

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FORWARD.INC & PLACE: BUILDING IDEAS, GROWING COMMUNITY



As part of the [Business & Career Booster Program](#) by [Forward.Inc](#) and [PLACE](#), a vibrant community of **aspiring entrepreneurs** is coming together to **turn ideas into meaningful action**.

Through collaborative workshops, shared tools like the Lean Canvas, and community moments such as *Coffee n Connect*, participants are not only developing their projects, they're learning from one another, exchanging perspectives, and **building confidence** along the way.

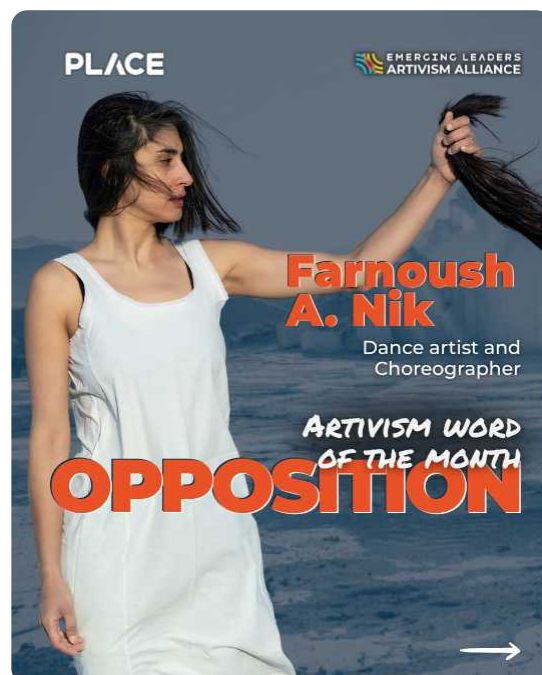
Follow their journey and [support them on our social media](#) as these ideas continue to grow and create impact.

ARTIVISM WORD OF THE MONTH: OPPOSITION

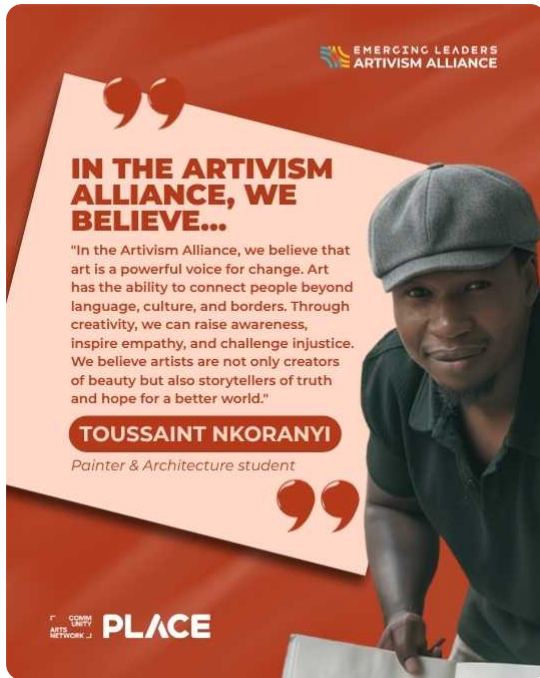
[Farnoush A. Nik](#), dance artist and founder of [SYMBIOTIKA](#), shares her perspective on "Opposition" through movement and creativity.

For her, it's about exploring, expressing, and reshaping stories through the body in a way that feels powerful and personal.

[Discover her story](#) and join the conversation on our social media.



IN ARTIVISM WE BELIEVE...



To close, we marked World Art Day by celebrating the voices that shape our **Artivism community**, artists who use creativity to connect, inspire, and spark action.

In **this carousel**, artists share in their own words what “artivism” means to them. Different perspectives, one shared heartbeat: using art to bring people together, transform stories, and imagine a better world.

[READ MORE](#)

We'd love to hear from you. Whether you have an idea, a project, a question, or simply want to say hello, **our inbox is always open**. PLACE is built with and for its community and your voice matters. ❤️



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