



Dear {{ contact.FIRSTNAME }},

Ideas grow when they are shared. Each month, new conversations, collaborations, and reflections emerge from the work we build together. In this edition of the LoudSpeaker, we revisit the [Artivism Alliance](#) as it evolves from a **residency** into a **global network**, share a [reflection](#) on **designing with dignity** from a PLACE team member, and present new research on **youth civic engagement** in France. You'll also find inspiration from the [WODIGI podcast series](#) and a closing tribute to [women whose contributions helped shape our world](#).

Thank you for being part of the PLACE community. Let's dive in.

ARTIVISM ALLIANCE: FROM RESIDENCY TO NETWORK IN MOTION



As the [Artivism Alliance cohort](#) continues to grow, we want to pause and reflect on where it began.

In November 2025, [PLACE](#) convened its first Artivism Alliance Residency, [What Lies Between Us](#).

Activists from across continents came together not just to share ideas, but to discover that collaboration is not simply an outcome of gathering, it is the field itself.

Since then, the **connections formed during the residency** have continued to unfold. What began as conversations across borders are already becoming shared

projects, shared struggles, and shared solutions. Through these relationships, lived experience becomes **leadership** and care becomes **collective impact**.

PLACE is not only convening artists, it is nurturing a global ecosystem of creative leaders working together to move systems through art. This is what sustained support makes possible: a living network where **collaboration fuels advocacy**, and shared care becomes **shared power**.

The residency ended. The Alliance continues.

Follow the journey of the [Artivism Alliance](#) and discover the artists shaping this growing global network.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO DESIGN WITH DIGNITY?



In *Voices of Transformation*, [Catherine Raad](#), PLACE Designer, reflects on identity, migration, archaeology, and art, and how these experiences shape her **ethical approach to design** at PLACE.

A thoughtful story about listening, responsibility, and creating consciously across cultures.

[READ THE FULL REFLECTION HERE](#)

NEW RESEARCH: YOUTH CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IN FRANCE

As part of the [ParticipAction project](#), PLACE conducted a [desk review](#) examining existing research, policies, and reports on youth civic engagement in France.

The findings highlight a complex reality: while many young people are aware of the European Union, deeper understanding of how institutions work remains limited, especially among marginalized youth and those with a migration background. Structural barriers such as unequal access to civic education, legal restrictions for Third-Country Nationals, and socio-economic inequalities continue to shape participation.



This [desk review](#) is the first step in [ParticipAction](#)'s national assessment and will inform upcoming focus groups with young people to explore how meaningful civic participation can be strengthened.

GET THE FULL RESEARCH

HAVE YOU LISTENED TO OUR PODCAST YET?



All 6 episodes of the [WODIGI podcast](#) are now available on the [PLACE YouTube channel](#)! Featuring **six inspiring women entrepreneurs with migration backgrounds**, the series explores how **digital marketing** can be used to build visibility, community, and real impact. Tune in and [watch all episodes on our YouTube channel](#).

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BEFORE WE CLOSE: HONORING WOMEN WHOSE IMPACT SHAPED OUR WORLD



On **International Women's Day**, March 8, we published a [blog post](#) honoring **women whose contributions transformed our world**, often without receiving the recognition they deserved.

From science to technology, music to mathematics, their ideas reshaped how we understand and experience the world today. In this piece, we highlight **four pioneers whose work continues to influence our lives**:

- [Delia Derbyshire](#) — the sound pioneer who helped shape the voice of science fiction
- [Maryam Mirzakhani](#) — the mathematician who reimaged geometry and became the first woman to win the Fields Medal
- [Hedy Lamarr](#) — the Hollywood actor whose invention laid the groundwork for Wi-Fi
- [Roger Arliner Young](#) — the zoologist who broke both gender and racial barriers in science

Their stories remind us that **recognition matters**, and that many legacies still deserve to be brought into the light.

[READ THEIR FULL STORIES](#)

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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