Dear world,

Displacement.

Leaving one space for another, often at the risk of not being able to return again.

Over the last 6 years, the topic of displacement and the people it has touched has been present in our media, our elections, our economies and our lives.

Over the past few months, another form of displacement has been brought to light. The restriction of space and movement - the concept of remaining in a single place.

The realities of these forms of displacement are vastly different, but how one copes can be strikingly similar. Remote communication, redefining how we use and orient space, finding new ways to connect. The reality is, the resilience, creativity and adaptation that newcomers have been practicing in the recent age of migration can be harnessed as a guidebook for how we, as a global community, can act in times when accessibility and movement are drastically transformed, for reasons beyond our personal control.

2020 will always be remembered for the way we adapted to the challenge of COVID-19. We consider this moment an accelerator for our societies. A time to learn and grow together in a way we have needed for so long, but never had the time to do.

This month on Stories of place you will find stories of resilience and adaptation that feature newcomer entrepreneurs in the time of COVID-19, resources to build resilient virtual communities, next-generation online learning and collaboration and more. We hope that these stories will serve as guiding examples as we learn to work as a collective, as a system, in this time of new displacement.

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Displacement doesn’t mean stagnation, isolation or disconnection. Even in the time of COVID-19 we can continue to travel, connect and learn. We hope that Stories of place helped you reach beyond your current surroundings, even if just for a moment.

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