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Welcome to the October issue of **The Loudspeaker!**

As we embrace the changing seasons and witness the lengthening or shortening of our days (depending on where you are in the world!), it is the perfect time for us to reflect on lasting transformation.

At [PLACE Network](#), we are firm advocates of feedback-driven culture, and using it to continuously enhance our ways of working and thinking for a more sustainable impact. While we celebrate our accomplishments, we also recognize **the importance of stepping out of our comfort zones**. Our peers inspire us to embark on profound transformations that propel us forward.

Take a look through this month's Loudspeaker to see how we do just that!

## Emerging Leaders Accelerator in Barcelona



This summer, Catalysts in our [Emerging Leaders Accelerator](#) traveled to Barcelona to dive deeper into what it means to be a responsible leader.

Through the Accelerator, these Emerging Leaders have greater access to **storytelling tools**, **capacity-building trainings**, as well as **facilitated network penetration**.

They were also invited to the [BMW Foundation](#) Responsible Leaders Network event to dive even deeper alongside **40 peers**, coming from various countries and industries. After spending a few days together, participants loved the **'rich variety'** and 'energy' in the room. Feelings of **'solidarity'** and 'trust' during the sessions are also highlighted, which are key for us to create spaces for **openness and belonging**.

There are still areas to tackle, such as exploring ways of **peer collaboration and support for public speaking** - and we are excited to continue this journey together!

**Initial impressions from our Fast Forward cohort!**



Our **Fast Forward** Catalysts are in full-swing, having completed their first workshops, networking events, and entrepreneurial project ideation & prototyping!

**What do they think so far?**

- This program is **the best thing** that has happened to me this year. It **challenges my fear** of using **digital tools** and assures me that "I CAN DO IT".
- Thank you very much for **the energy**, it helps a lot to find a way to wake up in the morning
- The timing for **the peer coaching** was too short to actually exchange properly. Adding a little bit more time with the groups would be beneficial!

With just **2 months completed of this 7-month program** we are using the feedback from each event to maximise **the value of the program** and create **a community based on trust & understanding**.

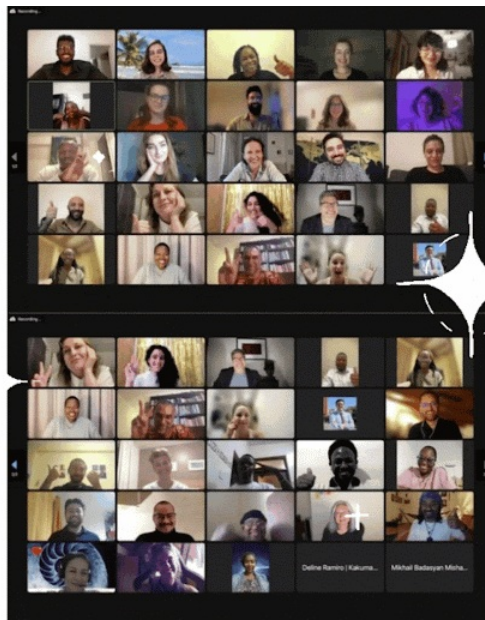
Keep an eye out for a special event happening with our Fast Forward Catalysts **on the 7th December in Paris...**

## Emerging Leaders making themselves heard

At the beginning of the month, we hosted a spectacular online Kick-Off for the **Emerging Leaders Artivism Alliance!** We were pleased to welcome our **Artistic Council** and run the program alongside **Community Arts Network**. Here are some key moments from our special guests:

- A live panel discussion between **Kumi Naidoo** and **Lucia Pietroiusti** on **how Artivism is shifting the way we conduct social impact work in the world**. In particular, the multifaceted nature of art enables us to **raise awareness, bridge gaps between disciplines, influence emotions for profound change, incite mobilisation**, and much much more.
- Insights into **Yazmany Arboleda's** community transformation projects, such as **'Colour in Faith'** in Kenya and **'We Believe in Balloons'** in Afghanistan.
- Two stunningly **captivating performances** by award-winning poet **Siphokazi Jonas**.

A key piece of feedback we received during the kick-off was how much everyone loved the music - we even created a playlist for them afterward!



[Meet the Alliance](#)

## Food for Thought



Did you know that diverse teams make better decisions **87%** of the time? Well we do, and that is why we help corporates find top talent from diverse newcomers!

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