# Passing On The Flame

## Strong creative communities counterbalance autocratic tendencies and polarisation in society.

We believe that cities need a powerful cultural sector, with resilient communities stepping up where both the market and government do not. These communities are signals—living statements of what society needs and what is missing. And they are under threat.

## Do It Yourself, But Not Alone.

For years, TimeWindow has been a home for artists—offering space, time, and community to create, experiment and grow. Since 2016, we have connected 117 performance artists, building a network of solidarity and collaboration. We have been more than a workspace: we are a movement, a collective force that strengthened individual artists, amplified their voices. We have been a shared political power tool, to improve artists' societal position and work practice.

Now, our funding is gone. And with it, our stability.

But power continues to come from communities.We wanted to continue building, shaping, contributing. But now, without a stable platform, our artistic community is being pushed back into informality. The collective power we built remains with us. We will continue building, organizing and professionalizing artistic communities.

## We Stand For:

- Collaboration over competition.
- The strength of collectives and grassroots initiatives.
- Sociocracy as a true model of participation and inclusion.
- Learning by doing, growing through action.
- Using friction as a motor for personal and societal growth.
- The right to initiate and create outside existing formats.
- A cultural sector where makers influence the future, not just react to it.

## Do It Yourself, But With Us.

To truly innovate the cultural sector, collaboration between all stakeholders (makers, communities, civil servants, politicians, market) is not just desirable—it is critical. And we need it now.

**Rotterdam needs to:**

- Facilitate bottom-up energy beyond rigid subsidy models.
- Make communities serious partners in cultural city development.
- Invest in physical space for creatives and the commons.
- Shift the mindset. A vibrant city is built on culture, not just commerce.

**To everyone reading this:**

Stay connected. Share your insights. Share your contacts. Let's build stronger communities.
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