

"Getting Disoriented" At Money & Movements FUTURE SCENARIOS

In April 2018, 130+ activists & funders came together for the Money & Movements Convening hosted by the Count Me In! (CMI!) Consortium.¹ The convening aimed to cultivate the boldest, most expansive thinking about resourcing feminist movements now and into the future.

On Day 1, we "got oriented," building a collective understanding of the current context and anchoring ourselves in trends in funding and organizing. On Day 2, CMI! partnered with Spring Strategies to use the Futures methodology to "get disoriented" and bring out new visions and creative solutions. For the final day, we "got creative and committed," identifying powerful ways we could each contribute to a future in which feminist movements led by women, girls, trans & intersex people are strong, resilient and thriving.

Futures Methodology

The Futures methodology is a combination of art and science, drawing on real economic, social, and political trends to craft fictional immersive "Futures" experiences:

By creating different future scenarios and focusing on the possibilities and challenges of tomorrow, people and organizations develop the agility, creativity and openness needed to realize ambitious goals at an accelerated pace.²

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SCENARIO 1: POP-UP FEMINISM



It is April 2035.

Over the past decade and a half the world has been changing rapidly. Feminist struggle, once the domain of groups of avant-garde independent women activists, has become well and truly **pop!** Musicians, actors, corporate leaders, social media influencers, men and trans people- everyone has jumped in the pool and is swimming in feminist glitter!

But unlike those early days, it's not just Hollywood. The balance of power in the world has shifted South and East, and more and more local. People are organising where they are, raising funds amongst themselves, making and selling their own culturally appropriate products, and connecting to the vibrant celebrity activist scene. Sometimes these campaigns just last 6 weeks. People are overloaded and overconnected- but there is so much work to do!

Some people still have a global outlook. Rich kids in Ghana, the Philippines and India are investing in work that does good. Governments have pulled back their overseas development assistance, though they still fund here and there. So philanthropists at home and in the diaspora are saving the day, using mobile transfers, crowdsourcing and shopping-for-justice to get that money where it's needed.

Of course we are all being tracked. Our data is very big business. But there are people out there hacking into it and using it to further feminist campaigning. And yes, the guns and drugs and mining are still making people rich. The earth is a mess, but well, we knew that already back in 2018. So now, we are just going to get together and have some feminist FUN!

THE EVENT BEGINS

Ladies, gentlemen, non-binary friend, queers, pansexuals and so called straight people. Welcome to an evening announcing the shortlist shortlist for the **WE FOR WE Awards!** You are joined by your host for the evening the new UN Under Secretary General, Nikita Ivanov. Known for her award winning roles in the Russia's top grossing films, Ms Ivanov joins the UN with a passion to shine the spotlight on the brave individuals and campaigns making waves in the world today.

Lights, camera, action for equality!

Please join us with a big round of applause to welcome Nikita Ivanov!

(Applause)

(Ms Ivanov approaches the podium)

Nikita: Greetings beautiful people- it's so wonderful to see so many familiar faces here today! As you know my name is Nikita Ivanov and I am privileged to be your MC for the night! We are here for a very special moment- unveiling the shortlisted candidates for the WE FOR WE AWARDS- celebrating local activism by *all* genders towards equality for all. Some of you may remember the He For She campaign we ran many years back. Well we soon realised that men also needed direct investment- what is gender equality after all if we do not invest in the other side of the equation! Men! But our trans and

non-binary friends pointed out that they kept being excluded- as so here we are. WE FOR WE! We all have a role to play in ending inequality based on gender!

Of course we could not proceed without a word of thanks to our sponsors. On behalf of the UN I would like to say a very big thank you to Fairphone India producing abuse-free mobile communications technologies; the Ivanov Foundation- set up by my own dear entrepreneur mother; Shop for your Rights- China's leading corporate social responsibility initiative funding equality one hand-bag at a time; and the Network of Kenyan Feminists in the Diaspora for providing financial and in-kind support for hosting this event.

And of course, last but not least- all of you! As we know gender equality is funded by us! So thank you for all of those who have supported the WE FOR WE crowdfunding campaign -....and tonight we are going to ask you for just that little bit more!

A few words on how we proceed.

Each of you has a pledge card on your table. If you like a candidate, write a pledge! No amount of money is too high. We will collect these when you leave and we will announce who received the most amount of pledges next week at the Gala. That's right- YOU get to vote with your money and choose the winners of this year's WE FOR WE Awards! For those of you who work for donor organisations-don't forget- you can pledge for your fund, but don't forget to pledge for yourself too- because *we* all have the power to change the world, one investment at a time!

So let's get into the candidates now....

(music plays)

Candidate number 1: Soldiers of Love

Our first contender is Soldiers of Love, a network of local feminist organisations living in communities affected by narcotrafficking. Connected along the trans-Atlantic drug routes of Latin America, the Caribbean and Africa, these brave feminists fight violence with LOVE. GPS technology allows them to track known traffickers, and warn communities of impending attacks and raids by both traffickers and the police. They don't want us to know all their secrets, but I would guess they have some smart feminist hacktivists in their network. Soldiers of Love are in the running for their new campaign **My name is Life -** a testimony-based campaign sharing the stories of women-identified people impacted

by the drug wars. The campaign launched on all media networks with a simultaneous pod, tele and vcast of the My Name is Life concert - featuring local influencers, musicians, tele-novella stars and community advocates. My Name is Life is also teaming up with the women-identified wing of Narcotics Anonymous, leveraging testimonies and donations from former drug users in the global banking and corporate sectors who want to give back to communities they have affected through their past consumer practices. Every community involved in the campaign is sharing their local tech knowledge around crowdmapping incidents of violations, techniques for keeping local activists safe, and fighting back with LOVE.

Candidate number 2: Black Magic Womxn

The Black Magic Womxn is a network of radiant Afro-descendant womxn and femmes networked across Colombia, Brazil, Angola, Mozambique, Cape Verde and Equatorial Guinea. Affirming that black has always been beautiful, the group focuses on encouraging positive body image, challenging racist beauty standards, and encouraging an embrace of diversity in hair, skin and body shapes among black womxn and femmes. They have been shortlisted tonight for their corporate responsibility campaign *Melanin Millionaires* - mobilising black communities across Latin America and Lusophone and Spanish speaking Africa to boycott and divest from companies producing bleaching and so called brightening creams. Using shareholder activism, they have already succeeded in stopping production of bleaching products in Brazil's largest cosmetics producer. Beauty entrepreneurs themselves, Black Magic Womxn are encouraging communities to shift their investment to local black-owned natural cosmetic companies- moving their millions into the pockets of people who love their black skin. Melanin Millionaires manages a virtual network of these local entrepreneurs, using their customer information to track trends, suggest new product lines, and support the supply chain - from local producers of shea and cocoa butter, coconut and essential oils; to local entrepreneurs making these into recipes for black womxn magic!

Not shy about direct action, Black Magic Womxn have also been known to pour dark chocolate over celebrities who promote skin bleaching- but don't touch me ladies...this hair colour is real!! Their campaign is already beginning to inspire activism in South Asia against the bleaching market.

Candidate number 3: The Kiss Collective

The Kiss Collective is platform of non-binary activists from South Asia and the Middle East providing sexual health information to young people in rural and urban areas online and via virtual reality simulations. Their slogan, *claiming human rights one orgasm at a time* affirms the role of pleasure in achieving sexual health and rights outcomes. Celebrating all bodies, their pleasure materials are accessible for all abilities - and include the highly popular guide on phenomenal wheelchair sex. The *Kiss collective* also provide subsidised sex toys, condoms and lube through a collaboration with feminist owned sex shop **Yes Please** based in Kathmandu. Drone technology allows them to deliver

products in rural areas of Nepal, India, Sri Lanka and Lebanon, with payments made via mobile and BlockCash online. All of their products are made from ethically sourced rubber and silicone, and their condoms and dental dams are fully compostable! The **Yes Please** campaign is fronted by Bollywood hijra superstar Dimples, and Lebanese Trans supermodel Yasmine Ajram.

*** Remember friends, if you like what they do, then don't forget to pledge

Candidate number 4: Who runs the world? Boys

We all know how important men are to the achieving gender equality. *Who runs the world? Boys!* Is a collective of young men from Nicaragua embracing the fact that they still have power in patriarchy and want to use it for good! They run fitness camps providing training in bodybuilding and yoga - encouraging young men to feel both their strength and their softness, and embrace the full range of their masculinity. With a focus on being good fathers, the training is offered to men looking to start families and raise their children with egalitarian gender norms. Started with support from several philanthropic organisations, they have used their growing budget to support camps in Greece, Samoa and Jordan- building local men's leadership to self-manage the trainings, and build physical and virtual B-centres-providing advice, community and services for the the new generation of young men.

Candidate number 5: The Feminist A Circle network

Am sure many of you know the Feminist A Circle, in fact I think I can see a few founders in the roomsome of those old stalwarts of the Women Human Rights Defenders Movement! The Feminist A Circle network has been shortlisted for their PR campaign - "I see you!" - a collaboration with FemTech innovators We Are Following Your Money; and the guerilla news platform OurNews. Linking with 60 locations worldwide, the campaign collates information gathered by local activists around corruption in public-private partnerships, and uses this to calculate resources lost for gender equality. Beamed back out through OurNews, the world can see what communities see- and track the response as public pressure makes corporate-local government partners change their ways.

The I See You campaign leverages the power of being an activists where you are! The campaign has exploded in Africa where young women-identified activists are taking the reigns and demanding accountability, voice and investment for the majority youth population of Africa. Linking up through the global Earth 5G network, thousands of young people are engaged in monitoring and local virtual campaigns for accountability.

So friends- these 5 amazing campaigns are up for your vote. Remember- your vote with your moneyso make sure to fill out your pledge sheet and hand that to one of the ushers when you leave. Results will be announced at the Golden Gala next week!

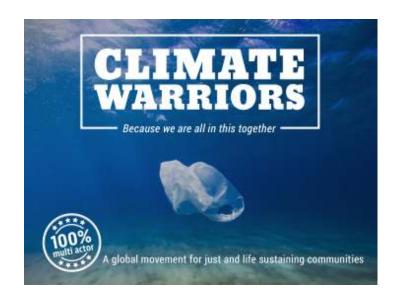
Can I get a big round of applause for these tremendous contenders??!

Thank you for your time, much love to you all, and remember- only WE can create gender equality!

(Nikita leaves the stage- music goes on- event is over)

SCENARIO 2: CLIMATE WARRIORS





It is April 12, 2035.

The world has been through painful and dramatic change.

In the decade following 2018, the planet descended into climate catastrophe. The average global temperature rose beyond the limit that could have maintained stable climates.

Governments spent huge amounts of money maintaining and replacing city infrastructures, under siege by fires, floods and hurricanes.

After years of trade wars, global co-operation ceased to exist. The United States, followed by Israel and Saudi Arabia, pulled out of the United Nations. The United Nations collapsed in 2025. The Sustainable Development Goals failed.

Official Development Aid ceased to exist. The money that once supported 'developing countries' was allocated domestically, to climate crisis-related humanitarian needs, and to security and surveillance.

Right wing populist governments took over the world. Most societies became closed and insular. Governments spent tax monies to control and monitor the activities of their citizens.

N-G-Os became a thing of the past. The sexual harassment problem in Oxfam began a series of crises for the sector. N-G-O-s where finally exposed for what they really were: interested in

their own survival rather than creating social impact. Fighting each other to survive, competing for resources to keep their old school, non-functioning organizations and governance structures alive.

But eventually things began to change...

Luisa and Laura, old friends, meet in the hotel lobby before going to the 15th anniversary of the corporate Warrior Label event. In 2035, Warrior Label Corporations are the main source of funding for the global Climate Warrior movement. They each donate 10% of their net profit.

Laura: Luisa! So great to see you here. It's been a while since I've seen you in person!

Luisa: So nice to have a little bit of quiet time together before the big event, Laura. Let's have some wine.

Laura: It's going to be a wonderful celebration. And an evening to remember the great things that have been done - the citizens of our planet once again working together towards common goals.

Luisa: I am really excited to be here. The Climate Warriors have created so much change. Thinking back to the dire 20s, who would have thought. Cheers to that!

Laura: It's amazing. 20 years ago some of us still held out hope that we could bring governments together around the Sustainable Development Goals. Gosh. But that was impossible... with the trade wars, constant natural disasters, climate refugees everywhere and fossil fuel companies driving up prices for gas and oil. In no way were governments motivated to come together. There was just no trust, and then United Nations dissolved [big sigh] well...

Luisa: Those were dark times... By the way, did you hear they turned the UN buildings into refugee centers?

Laura: Wow, happy to hear they are being used for something positive. [Pause] Yes, the 20s... they were rough. One nation after the other turned right wing populist, with politicians actively feeding on fear and insecurities, mobilizing constituencies through religious institutions. What a 'success formula' that turned out to be! Hah!

Luisa: And it revealed of course how ineffective N-G-O-s really were. Remember those days, when so many activists were still organized in N-G-O-s? How they were all struggling to raise funds, and how upward accountability to donors took most of their attention? The N-G-O industrial complex. Of course the collapse was inevitable. It became so obvious that their primary motivation was to survive financially, competing with each other for funding. In the mean time they were completely ineffective in stopping the populist domino effect.

Laura: By 2024 the Civic Space Monitor showed that of the 200 countries globally, half were completely CLOSED, a further 20% were seriously REPRESSED. Only a few were considered truly OPEN.

Luisa: And in countries that were CLOSED or REPRESSED, N-G-O-s all depended on foreign grants. What a disaster that was. All governments needed to do to kill the rest of the N-G-Os off, was to make it illegal for them to receive foreign funding. And so they did, and N-G-O-s went belly up.

Laura: You had worked with N-G-Os once. Did you see it coming?

Luisa: Honestly, we did not see it coming. In CLOSED and REPRESSED countries, of course governments obstructed access to foreign funding. But ODA re-allocations affected everyone. ODA, or Official Development Aid, initially going from so called 'developed' countries to so called 'developing countries' simply ceased to exist. The climate crisis had turned the whole planet into a humanitarian crisis zone and governments needed this money for their own needs, domestically, for humanitarian needs as well as security and surveillance. But looking back, this funding crisis accelerated only the inevitable, and frankly, not a bad thing: The N-G-O industrial complex collapsed. Remember all those grant-dependent Women's Right Organizations globally?

Laura: They all went down as well.

Luisa: I remember your provocative blogs and vlogs, Laura. I have to say – you were brave. The fact that you joined Climate Warriors as a corporate person – it inspired me! Even if we did have to get used to you a bit.

Laura: Maybe I was unusual then, but of course today we are 100% multi-actor! Our tagline "Because we are all in this together" - says it all. We ARE all in this together, and therefore need to also find our way OUT together. I began to think about what might be possible when I met your mother after she won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2020. Talk about an inspiration. An indigenous woman with a lifelong track record of championing the rights of indigenous peoples globally.

Luisa: Yes, she was able to connect the dots. She knew about the original Climate Warriors in the Pacific, a group of feminists and LGBTI+ activists who had come to realize that it made no sense for them to work on 'issues' and 'identities' in separate movements and organizations. Such a fragmented approach just wasn't going to drive the deep transformations required. And they really FELT the urgency. Their Islands, their homes were being flooded.

Laura: Yes. The original Pacific Climate Warriors focused on the integral human story and not just a slice of it. They stepped into the center of our planetary crisis, leading the charge on creating fair and life sustaining communities.

Luisa: They saw that deep and real transformation required a multiple focus, not a singular one. These Climate Warriors gained respect, and changed hearts and minds on gender and sexual diversity along the way. Being a Climate Warrior stood for, above all, community leadership and being a role model. Such a powerful and impactful way to combine the different struggles!

Laura: And in 2020, your mother, with her newly found celebrity status as a Nobel Peace Prize winner, was able to inspire individuals globally to come together and do the same. And not just activists, also movers and shakers in government and corporations! She understood that if Climate Warriors were going to succeed the movement needed to be 100% multi-actor.

Luisa: And that was the year you joined us Laura, wasn't it?

Laura: Yes. We received the invitation loud and clear. Corporations needed to step up, especially as governments in such large numbers were failing their citizens and the planet as a whole. In that same year, 2020, we created the Warrior Label, a certification mechanism for corporations creating pro-human and pro-planet products and services. Carrying the Label also mandated that 10% of net profits is used to fund the Climate Warrior movement. All Warrior Label corporations attract strong brand loyalty and are thriving businesses. Activism makes business sense and business sense tells us to be activist.

Luisa: Yes! Then after 2020, meshworks of Climate Warriors popped up everyone, modeling new ways of intergenerational organizing with elders in the role of guides and mentors. Communities came together and became stronger and more connected than ever. And so much healing took place. The 'Climate Warrior Way' became visible at the global stage, and after the N-G-O crisis, became the new global model for activism - 100% multi-actor activism!

Laura: Then, finally, in the 30s, only a few years ago, the real acceleration began, fueled by young people across the planet. And voting patterns started to change. Urged by their citizens, at least twenty countries came together as the Earth Alliance, a new global governance mechanism. Due to the Earth Alliance leadership of Costa Rica, Fiji, Uruguay, Canada, Germany, Egypt, Philippines, South Korea, Iceland and a few others we now have a new powerful new global governance mechanism. And the "The Earth Alliance" continues to experience steady growth.

Luisa: Governments are learning to work together again to solve problems.

Laura: And as for Climate Warriors today, not only are we integrating wisdom traditions across generations, we are also integrating and working with the wisdom of the different sectors: corporate actors, activists and OPEN governments. That's the multi-actor way!

Luisa: And we are linked together through the 'the Warrior Mesh'. No more inefficient intermediaries, wasteful old school organizations with single agendas, with people wasting precious time and money complaining, lacking in inspiration and impact.

Laura: [Chuckles] Our global Warrior Mesh is held together by our shared and sacred purpose: the creation of just and life sustaining communities. And because we are so clear about why we exist, and why our work matters, everyone feels inspired, is open to feedback and keen to collaborate. Together we turn the tide on populisms. We are on purpose and on impact, as simple as that.

Luisa: But our success has come with some sadness. While so many feminists and LGBTI+ activists became Climate Warriors and went 100% multi-actor, there were many others who wanted to stay in their feminist identity groups. They accused us of having no clear ideology, of selling our souls...

Laura: It's important to remember the costs. We saw some of our old friends and colleagues slip away in orthodox and CLOSED communities of their own making. Opinionated and narrow minded, and mostly fighting amongst themselves. In fact, I am not sure if you remember, but my own feminist sister went CLOSED. And I believe two of your best friends went CLOSED as well, did they not?

Luisa: [Nods] Yes.

Laura: Do you even know what they are up to?

Luisa: [Laughing] Probably plotting a revolution.

Laura: But what revolution? Why can't they see that the revolution is here and now, happening under our very eyes?

[Silence]

Luisa: You know, the other story that is so remarkable about Climate Warriors is how we were able to mobilize money. Is that what you will talk about this evening, at the Warrior Label event? Will you finally reveal our story of money?

Laura: You bet. And I should tell you that this time we can guarantee that we are in a 100% surveillance free space. The 'Take Back the Tech' team made it their absolute priority. And so it is time to finally talk about it in the open.

Luisa: Fantastic! Oh come on, tell me about the Private Foundations.

Laura: [smiles] Oh well. I suppose I could. Crypto-currencies of course held some promise initially and we experimented a bit. After all, since we were labeled outlaws and eco-criminals by most national governments anyway, why not join in! But the Crypto-currency environment was just too crime- and narcotics- infested, and too confusing, and not aligned with our sacred purpose. And the banking system didn't work for us either, at least not in the countries where civic space was CLOSED or REPRESSED.

Luisa: So with all these obstacles, how did money get to the Climate Warriors? Especially in those early years, before you created the corporate Warrior Label?

Laura: From 2019 onwards we saw growing alignment in progressive Foundation policies and strategies. Consolidations and mergers took place and Foundations too became Climate Warriors, moving away from supporting N-G-Os and 'issues' to focusing on community level integral change. The initiative came from the Foundation collaborative that started in 2016 when they still called themselves PAWHR: Philanthropy Advancing Women's Human Rights. They were the real driver behind this transformation.

As a result of these consolidations, there were three Foundations with a combined grants budget of \$ 5 billion for Climate Warriors. Focus of their funding was to tip the populist domino effect by building progressive, counter populist constituencies.

Luisa: These Foundations too became Climate Warriors and moved their money through the Warrior Railroad. Good, old-fashioned underground, off the radar trafficking of money. Especially to the Climate Warriors working in CLOSED and REPRESSED countries.

Laura: Progressive Foundations indeed played a critical role in the late 20s, transforming CLOSED and populist societies into OPEN societies, starting with Kenya, Italy, Brazil, the United States, Indonesia and India in the late 20's. And in the last 5 years China and Japan.

Luisa: And by then, in the late 20s, the Warrior Label really kicked in, channeling billions of USD into the Climate Warrior movement. Such a great accomplishment! How many companies and product lines now meet the Warrior Label certification requirements, and are giving 10% of their net profit to the Climate Warrior movement?

Laura: Well, now THAT question brings us to the REAL topic of the Warrior Label event we are going to this evening. At Warrior Label we have some incredible news to share. As we are celebrating our 15h anniversary, consumer data from all 10,000 companies and their Warrior Labeled products shows us that we are indeed starting to turn the tide at a global scale. Consumer behavior is after all the best predictor of national level voting patterns. Our Warrior Label consumer data shows that 20 more countries will pivot away from right wing populism in the next three years. This is a considerable acceleration, which will result in a doubling of Earth Alliance membership, from 20 to 40 members. That's possible in just three years from now, in 2038! This will give us the critical mass to then again double in the next three years, going to 80 by 2041. Very soon we will have the global leadership in place to complete our mission of just, open and green societies all over this beautiful planet of ours.

Luisa: Now THAT is exciting news. Imagine, 15 years of the Warrior Label and we are getting so close to reaching our goal. By the way, I heard that India's TATA GREENING is also going to

be there this evening, and Prince Khaled bin Talal of Saudi Imperial Investments. By the way, weren't you dating him at some point?

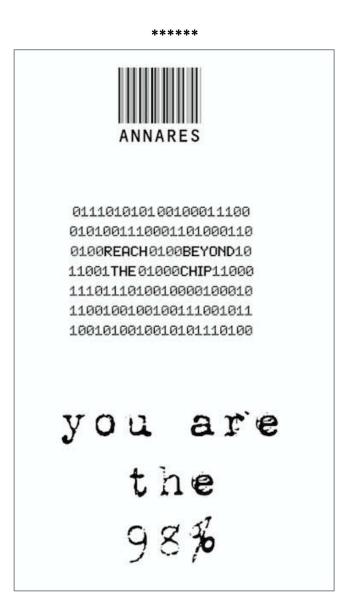
Laura: I wish! [chuckles] Is he here tonight?

Luisa: I saw him on the guest list. What shall we do, another glass of wine or should we get to the event? What time is it anyway?

Laura: We best get going. By the way, how do you like the outfit I am wearing? 100% recycled ocean plastic!

Luisa: You look gorgeous! Let's go.

SCENARIO 3: ANNARES ACUPUNCTURE REVOLUTION



It is April 12, 2035

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Hello everyone. I speak to you from the FEMINIST ANNARES holowaves. Those of us in ANNARES, call on our friends from all municipalities to connect across our differences and distances. We are today more connected and less connected than we have ever been. More needy and less needy than we have ever been. More self-determining and less self-determining than we have ever been. How can these truths be held at once?

Each one of our municipalities is self-governed by those that make up the ecosystem, and we have closely guarded the Eco-charter of 2028 of non-interference and freedom of each municipality. But as feminists from ANNARES we tell you, underneath it all, we each continue to be governed by the monopoly of The Corporation.

30 years ago the world was governed by governments protecting borders through violence and coercion and coming together reluctantly around a United Nations that was eventually bought. They developed a Global Compact to create 'corporate citizenship'. Ten years later, the World Economic Forum began paving the way for The Corporations' dominance. Their council wrote in a document titled 'The Future of Government' that governments must be FAST - Flat, Agile, Streamlined, Tech-Enabled and laid a framework for 'Poly governance models'. At the time, 63% of the top global economic entities were Corporations, not countries. The US of A, a so called leader of states, lead an isolationist fascism in the Trump Era, which spread like wildfire across the world. Governments created capito-militarized alliances, didn't respond to their people and stopped cooperating with each other on a world stage. Google, Facebook, Alibaba, and other Super Corporations filled the gap with a range of armed ideological and religious groups, drug cartels quickly following suit. China solidified its place as the superpower holding Corporate and governmental power. This soon paved the way for the effective dissolution of nation states and the monopoly of The Corporation over our technology, services, resources, and lives. Today our so-called nations exist only as management of the affairs of The Corporation. In 2011, 147 Corporations owned almost half of all corporations. Today, in 2035, we see even more extreme consolidation: 7 Corporations, China, and the institutionalized mafias and cartels of the past that now call themselves 'governments', make up The Corporations' Global Governance League.

While we each enjoy our 'freedoms' in our municipalities, we are beholden to the demands of The Corporation and its Corporates. We are free to self-govern at municipal levels so long as we serve the needs of The Corporation and the Corporates. Doesn't our localism only serve to maintain the globalized monopoly of The Corporation? While the overwhelming majority of people seem to have surrendered to this domination, those of us in ANNARES have not – and we are directing the revolution.

Forty years ago, people demanded their own governance outside of what was called The State. These people like the Zapatistas and the Garifuna created liberated zones, a precursor to the life we are living in ANNARES today. Others, like the Islamic State of Iraq and Levant, fought for violent ecosystems, precursors of the municipality of ANUBIS.

Non-interference and freedom are the cornerstone of municipalism, but can we continue to only care about the people in our municipalities? While each of us decides how our 'freedom' is determined, we have to ask ourselves if there is true freedom in the violence that is normalized in the ecosystem of ANUBIS, or the self-serving competition of ANTALLAGY.

Does this make us imperialists to care about others? Does it make us determinalists to say 'this is not freedom'? Other feminists do not agree with us. We hear them cry out that there are many ways to be free. But we don't agree that there is freedom in violence and coercion.

Today The Corporation has announced another tax increase on municipalities, strengthening the revolving door of resources to maintain the climate and economic Apartheid of our planet and emboldening them to continue exploring other planets to destroy. Yes, we are now a multiplanetary spiecies, but to what end, and to what cost?

The 2% as they proudly call themselves, are demanding more money from our wages. The Corporation feeds The Corporation. We get our wages from The Corporation and they take money from our wages back to The Corporation to provide services that are the basic necessities of life. It is true that we are are given health, schooling, nutrition, technology. But at what price! The Corporation keeps us alive only so much as is necessary to operate and service The Corporation! Our value is measured only in our productivity.

Thirty years ago, Feminists were worried about women's work being taken away by robots and technology. Since then we won the fight against The Binary, a great accomplishment. But we continue to fight for power WITH rather than power OVER. We as the ANNARES Feminist Collective, are spreading an ACUPUNCTURE REVOLUTION. Like the ancient art of acupuncture, we strategically focus on points that will open up cracks in the systems that abuse us.

Our foremothers, an African collective of feminists used the slogan Resist and Build in 2017. And while we honour and appreciate them for building the ecosystem of ANNARES, they maintained the liberated zone without reaching across it to resist and transform the meta system.

But in 2019, some of started to look at the meta system, and began to realize how quickly Artificial Intelligence was taking over decision making in many aspects of daily life. It started with medical use, job search and voice recognition but soon took over banking, voting and policing. AI became the first ACCUPUNCTURE move to transform the meta system. These feminists acted quickly and strategically to infiltrate themselves in the AI-developing corporations like Alibaba and MercadoLibre and used their positions to instill feminist principles into the coding and assumptions of these valuable systems.

The tide began with something that initially felt boring and benign. Job search! And it worked. Companies searching for suitable candidates for key roles were no longer weighted to see majority men - able bodied, middle class, white, heterosexual, cisgender and older - but instead saw a diverse array of races, genders, ages and backgrounds. Managers couldn't help but interview these people and in government, NGOs, and the private sector, the decision makers became more and more diverse.

Once the job search AI was adjusted feminist coders gave the same treatment to many other industries. Today, we continue to raise the tide, using feminist AI to take back our power and to reach all of you outside of our municipality, that we call our ecosystem. In 2020 Microsoft created Hanover, an AI system to treat cancer, but the same people who created this system were flushing our ecosystem with GMOs that were the cause of new forms of cancer. Today we feminists are creating AI systems that will prevent diseases, that value life of all sentients above profit. We believe in the power WITH! With technologies, with each other!

By 2022, people were defined and rated by their identities as consumers in society. In 2017, the first experiments in a society entirely using cryptocurrency were created from the ravages of climate disaster in Puertopia. It soon became a playground for the wealthy to avoid the scrutiny of government and obligations of taxes. It also attracted cartels, criminal and terrorist networks because of the highly decentralized and anonymized transactions. By 2025 the technology was cleaned up and became widely used, proving to be the cheapest and fastest means of exchange. But Megcoin, the only currency the League of Corporations recognizes and allows to be used, turned out another way the League ensures control over lives in municipalities and on all that can be exchanged. Other currencies have appeared and disappeared over the years but none have challenged the universality of Megcoin.

Social and political organizations and movements like ours have always been dangerous to people and institutions in power. By 2025 these social and political movements were being criminalized for their dissent and quickly being replaced by private services. In that same year, 2025, funders and supporters of feminist causes collectively decided that there was not enough evidence to show that feminists were making a difference and turned their attention to 'empowering people to empower themselves'. Today's Corporate Affiliated Foundations are another way to distribute our own resources back to us. Charity is good for business, they tell us. In order for us to challenge the monopoly of Megcoin, feminist created our own currency. Our second major ACCUPUNCTURE point to transform the meta system. This has allowed us to build our own network of exchange and to move resources to support our actions.

We can't trust the holowaves of The Corporation to tell us what is happening in municipalities. All we see through Chip are the glossy realities of the 2%! So our latest ACCUPUNCTURE move is that we are creating our own holowaves, our own technologies, outside of the grasp of The Corporation. We have found ways to beat the Chip and all its tracking so that you can experience this message. But we need you to reach beyond the Chip. Our predecessors faught globalization, but today we call for global communalism. Together we must build and resist and transform!