

A-Journal. Art and planning in public sphere.

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I do not intend to rack my brain trying to write something intelligent about art. Neither to attempt to describe a work of mine with words.

I therefore collected some terms from the presentation of *Diaphasis, Art and planning in public sphere* in which I participated on the 31st of July and 1st of August, 2012. Today, almost three months later, I asked my mother to give me her own definitions of some of these terms.

My mother is a sixty-six years old woman living in Corinth, Greece, since the day she was born. After finishing primary school she started working in a textile factory. In the age of twenty-six she got married. Together with my father they owned a small grocery shop in our neighborhood in which she worked till the age of sixty-two.

Now she lives in a house she proudly built with my father for the whole family.

These are her definitions:

art

1. Something that has been made by one person or more and people enjoy it.
2. To make your own house and decorate it.
3. To be a painter, sculptor, plasterer, electrician, technician, cabinet maker, plumber, gardener, someone who decorates houses with stones.

common good

1. Something that makes everyone's life better.
2. People having a nice time; "it is a common good that everybody is having fun".
3. Sufficient politicians.
4. Being healthy.
5. Good food.

communication

1. To come in contact with somebody; "I had a communication on the phone"; "I had a communication by sending a letter"; "the journalist has a communication with me through his television program".
2. To talk with your friends.

consciousness

1. Something that keeps me away from doing something bad to somebody; "I do not want to speak behind my neighbor's back because I want to have my consciousness clear".

cooperation

1. to work together with somebody; "I had a cooperation with your father at our grocery shop".

cultural

1. music, art, dance, theater, books, education, discussions.

mobile project

1. A work which can be moved from one place to the another; "this painting can be easily be

moved from the living room to the bedroom. It is a mobile project".

network of local autonomous unities

1. When people gather and work together; "the plumber comes to our house to work together with the electrician. They make a network of local autonomous unities".

Southern areas

1. Greece, Cyprus, Italy, Spain.

planning

1. To make a list of things that have to be done.
2. To decide to do something in the future.

political

1. Something that has been decided to be done for a reason; "it is a political decision to pay taxes".
2. What politicians discuss in the parliament.

public sphere

1. A place where people gather doing various things; "someone is going for a walk or running in public sphere"; "someone brings his/her dog for a walk in public sphere"; "someone sits on a bench with her friend looking and discussing in public sphere".
2. A place where public projects happen; "making a zoo in public sphere".

social transformation

1. To give good advices to everyone you know in order to live better.
2. To change the appearance of your house; "I change the decoration of my living room together with my children and people come to see this social transformation".
3. To be together with your family.

socio-cultural fabric

1. A place where people gather to talk and make things which are good for everyone.

sustainability

When we talk about art, communication, participation etc. we have to take in serious consideration the people we will somehow include in our projects. Contemporary art often forgets that a public sphere for most of the people in some areas is nothing more than a place where a zoo can be built.

It is not about making our artistic vocabulary more accessible for everyone but about realizing our position and act accordingly.