

## **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.