WE HARVEST

COMMUNITY  TOGETHERNESS  INCLUSIVENESS
MEETING  CONNECTION  GRASSROOTS
SHARING  SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY TOURISM
ROOTS  INTEGRATION  EQUALITY  NETWORK
HUMANNESS  NO BARRIERS  NO BORDERS  TOLERANCE
BELONGING  PEOPLE  ACCEPTANCE  COMPANIONS
HERITAGE  PLURALITY
NARRATIVES  DIALOGUE  REFLECTION
STORIES  RESEARCH  JOURNEY  MEMORIES
OUT-OF-THE-BOX  VISITS  FUTURE  HISTORY
ENGAGEMENT  IDEAS  SEEDS OF CHANGE
TRANSFORMATION  DISCOVERY  EXPLORATION
MOTIVATION  CHANGE  ACTIVISM  CONSCIENCE
EMPOWERMENT  ALTERNATIVES  LIVING
EDUCATION
WALKS  EXPERIENCES  LOVE  SENSATIONS
EMOTIONS  CURIOSITY  VIBRATION
CREATIVITY  POSITIVE INTERACTION
COLOURS
CITIES  HIDDEN WORLDS
STREETS  SPACES
MIGRANTS  INTERCULTURAL SOCIETY  DIVERSITY  MIGRATION  CULTURES
and more.
MIGRANTOUR believes that sharing personal stories offers valuable perspective and creates meaningful bonds between people. This is why we set our feet on the streets to discover places through stories and together pave grassroots paths towards greater social inclusion. Our guided walking tours create spaces of intercultural encounter with heart that foster more expansive understandings of cultural heritage, reshaping mental maps and expanding horizons on our shared humanity. This is how we walk the talk of the African proverb, ‘the footprints of people who walked together are never erased’.

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Places change and so do we. Recognizing diversity, sharing stories, including people.
Our world is always changing. That’s because we are constantly changing, too. Stereotypes try to categorize us and pin us down, separating us from what we hold in common: our shared humanity. But we are so much more than stereotypes.

WE BELIEVE THAT THE WORLD NEEDS...

- To recognise our shared humanity and develop pathways for our mutual flourishing
- To recognise that we have been mobile since the birth of humanity, and that migration is part of life, not an exception
- To recognise that cultures are dynamic and not isolated, and that we all actively make them through our interactions with one another
- To learn how to see one another and to speak and listen to one another without fear
- To acknowledge that disagreement and tensions are part of learning to live with one another
WE USE OUR...

- Lived experience of diversity, complete with its many challenges and opportunities
- Familiarity with the Migrantour route stops, acquired through collaborative research and critical reflection on our own lived experiences
- Commitment to including voices that have been marginalised from dominant history and heritage narratives
- Skill in sharing our thoughtfully-crafted personal stories ‘tuned’ to the needs of our Migrantour participants
- Skill in fostering empathic dialogue between tour participants and the people they encounter during the tour, as well as between tour participants themselves
- Ability to harness the power of humans walking and experiencing something together

IN ORDER...

- To be sensorially immersed in places both familiar and unfamiliar to tour participants and to physically experience, and make sense of, place together
- To create powerful emotional engagement by, and connection with, Migrantour participants that prepares the ‘soil’ for seeds of change to be sown and grow
- To reveal lesser-heard and -understood perspectives on the places in which we all live
- To together reflect on and unravel old stories that foment fear of difference and hinder us from recognizing our shared humanity
- To together develop new stories that both provide hope for a future in which we can see each other as equals and guide us towards that future
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NETWORK POETIC INSIGHTS

TOGETHER
Let’s walk together
Maybe we could fall
Doesn’t matter at all

SHARE
The idea is so simple
Don’t tell me you didn’t understand
Share, share, share

FUTURE
Where is the future?
If you want to see it too
Look behind you

DIVERSE
There are many of us
I don’t remember all the faces
But I know they are diverse

HUMANS
Steps, voices and eyes
Crossing each other
In a traffic jam of lives.

CITY
Lights on, lights off
Noises cars and people passing
Need time to feel at home.

COMMUNITIES
Traditions and innovations
In one family
Made of many families and people

MULTICULTURE
Colors, languages
The challenge to understand
Finding a common bridge to cross

STREETS
Steps
Living city, breathing stories
Handcrafting culture

DISCOVERING
Silence, new languages
Give voice to hidden stories
City heritage

IMMERSIVE
Through all your senses
Discover another world
And break the borders

CONNECTION
We bond beyond
Any bond that could be
To become a whole

LEARNING
Open your eyes
To new possibilities
Let it transform you

MIGRATION
From here and there
What really matters after all?
We are all Humans

SPACES
Walk in spaces
Feel the sensations
Taste the cities

BELONGING
To go and arrive
To fill in the blanks
Find belonging

MEMORIES
Share memories
Find a new history
Create bonds

EDUCATES
Walking together
Migrantour educates us.
One city, all people
GRASSROOTS
Collective learning
Inclusion, all belonging
Grassroots tourism

STORIES
Stereotypes break
Unraveling old stories.
New ones include all

DIALOG
Tour an old place,
Dialog unites us all.
Walk with me, let's talk.

NOT YET INCLUDED
Not yet included.
Already been here for years.
Can you not see me?

POLITICS
I am politics.
You all are making me now.
My stomach is sour.

DIVERSITY
We might disagree.
I'm just me, not the Other.
It's diversity.

OUT-OF-THE-BOX
Out-of-the-box, huh?
How can I move beyond this
Performance for you?

DISCOVER
What a pleasure!
Discover the others
Are a huge WE

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CITY
City always changing
Full of paths and crossroads to walk
To meet each other

JOURNEY
Life's journey start in different places
Let's walk towards each other
Let's share to change!

RAINBOW
Empty canvas
Colour of rainbow
A lot to explore

SEA
Beyond the sea
In another land
There is a festival too

MEMORIES
In memories
The story has
Fragrance of soils
This Manifesto was inspired and developed from a creative writing session, in November 2021, engaging the Migrantour network, bringing together local coordinators and intercultural companions.