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Barcelona is one of those amazing cities in which interventions in public space and the successive transformations adapting to people's needs has not lead to a sterilised built environment. The connection of space and society has lingered thanks to social cohesion and associativism, conferring a special character to the town, easy to sense both as a visitor or as a resident.

The recent hard and dark times have awakened the need to be more present in the public realm of part of the Catalan society. After the attack, the city sensed an urge for presence, a willingness for direct participation, a need to relate to a global community.

The Ramblas landscape has since then been transformed by anonymous contributions into a new version of the old space. It is worth mentioning the beauty of those unexpected ephemeral urban landscapes, their capacity to communicate compassion, empathy and reach wide spectrum of society. I am still moved and amazed by the self-generated designs of an undirected process.

Among this horror, this nonsense, I have been trying to find a light...my only wish is we could learn something; as the main professionals working in the public realm we should learn from those improvised ephemeral cultural landscapes....we should learn from new social reactions, attitudes and craves ...and thus create landscape architecture projects of the same intensity, communality and a desire for a better world.

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This weeks IFLA News comes from the President of IFLA PPP Committee, Marina Cervera Alonso de Medina

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