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FROM THE EDITOR

What makes a future worth living in?

We tend to imagine the future as something new. This issue starts at a workbench, with an object that will not run and a person unwilling to give up on it. The photograph on our cover is an illustration; the question it poses is real.

There is a point in almost every repair where the object stops being the main problem. The drawing is missing, the part is not for sale, or the person with the knowledge is already busy. The thing is on the bench, but the decision about its future may be somewhere else.

That is why a phone, a public budget and a sewing table can belong in the same issue. Each brings a different question about the right to act and the means to follow through. We look at the people who organise those means, from a repair café in Amsterdam to an architect in Pakistan and a scholarship programme in Naples, Florida.

Read this issue in any order. If you start with one object, follow its failure far enough to see the system behind it. If you start with the people, notice what they leave behind that someone else could use. The future is lived in both directions.

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The future is lived

A right to repair matters only if the means are within reach.

The choice at the bench

A watch stops. A phone will not charge. A door begins to stick. None of these small failures tells you what should happen next. Before ordering a replacement, you need a diagnosis, a realistic price and confidence that the part and skill exist. The gap between asking those questions and getting the answers is what this issue calls the distance to repair.

What the label leaves out

The Global E-waste Monitor estimated 62 million tonnes of electronic waste in 2022. That is a global waste estimate, not a count of devices someone could have fixed. Its scale matters, but a household encounters it one decision at a time. A part that will arrive next month is not the same as a part you can use before work tomorrow.

A right with conditions

European Union rules promote repair for products within their scope. In the United States, the Federal Trade Commission has examined repair restrictions. These are different policy settings, not interchangeable guarantees. A buyer still needs to know whether the exact model is covered, how to reach a technician and what it will cost to be without the device.

A different kind of return

Value can come from buying less, but it can also come from knowing more. A shop that explains a fault reduces someone’s dependence on guesswork. A company that publishes a usable manual makes support easier to test. A board that listens to an uncomfortable question can prevent a much larger failure later. Each gives someone else a better next move.

SOURCE EW EU FTC

THE REPAIR ECONOMY

The distance to repair

Electronics enter the waste stream after many different decisions. This chart shows the outcome of formal collection and recycling, not the share that could have been repaired.

62 million tonnes

GLOBAL E-WASTE / 2022 ESTIMATE

SHARE DOCUMENTED AS FORMALLY COLLECTED AND RECYCLED



22.3%

The remaining share was not documented as formally collected and recycled. It does not represent one uniform destination.

READER QUESTION

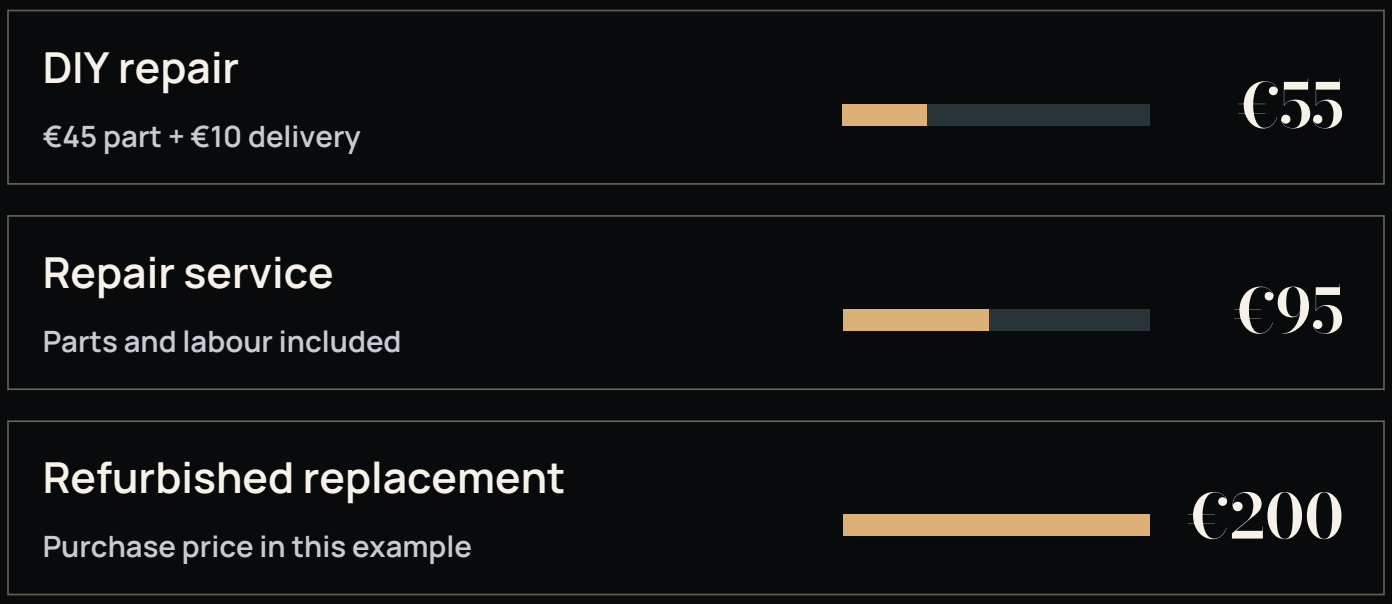
Which parts are physically replaceable, and which are reasonably obtainable in your market?

SOURCE EW

ILLUSTRATIVE SCENARIO / NOT MARKET QUOTES

When does repair cost more?

A cheaper part is not always a cheaper repair. Compare the full bill, equivalent remaining life and the time you will be without the device.



First, identify the fault and any safety reason to stop. Second, compare total repair and replacement costs over the useful life you can reasonably expect. Third, decide what you need available while the repair happens. If no one can answer the first question, get a diagnosis rather than ordering parts one by one.

SOURCE RE FTC

AI

Who pays for the answer?

The cost of an AI system does not end at the prompt.



Noir Spider Atelier

Data centres draw electricity in specific places. The IEA reports that worldwide data-centre electricity demand rose 17% in 2025; that figure is for all data centres, not AI alone. A global total also cannot tell a town when a substation needs rebuilding or who will pay.

Ask what a system replaces, not simply how often someone uses it. If it saves a worker ten minutes but adds a second review or locks an organisation into a costly contract, those costs belong in the same ledger as the time saved.

WTM TEST

Require a baseline for energy, error and review time before expanding a pilot.

SOURCE IEA

ARTS

Who can afford to make art?

Visibility is a result. A viable practice has to come first.



Noir Spider Atelier

A successful opening tells us little about whether the artist can finish the next work. Materials, rent, rehearsal and transport are paid before the audience appears. An institution can praise experimentation while quietly transferring its costs to people least able to carry them.

Paying for development changes what can be made. So can sharing equipment, guaranteeing a minimum fee or letting artists retain a licence they can use elsewhere. The point is not to eliminate risk, but to put it where someone can afford it.

WTM TEST

Ask who pays if a commissioned work never reaches the stage.

SOURCE UC

BUSINESS

The margin after the sale

A product’s second life can reveal the economics its price hides.



Noir Spider Atelier

Designing for service time makes a different kind of margin possible. A replaceable part can keep a customer, but it also means stocking parts and training people after a product stops being new. The ledger must include that work or the guarantee will be paid for by queues and angry customers.

For a buyer, compare acquisition price with expected repair, downtime and replacement. For a maker, compare warranty cost, parts revenue, stock obsolescence and customer retention. A low price at launch tells neither side which path will hold up.

WTM TEST

Put three years of service costs beside the sales forecast.

SOURCE FTC

CULTURE

A seat is not a say

Inclusion begins before the invitation and continues after it.



Noir Spider Atelier

In WTM’s conversation with Liris Crosse, representation is more than who appears in a campaign. It also depends on agency access, who gets booked again, and who can affect the work. A stage can look different while the rules behind it remain intact.

This distinction travels beyond fashion. For a festival, board or gallery, ask who can veto a harmful decision and who makes the next invitation. Attendance tells you who was let in; decision rights tell you who can stay and shape the institution.

WTM TEST

Track repeat paid work and influence, not just opening-night visibility.

SOURCE LC

DESIGN

The first repair

The real design test begins after the packaging is gone.



Noir Spider Atelier

At the design table, a join can be elegant because no one sees it. At a repair bench, the same join can be a barrier. Compare two objects by tracing one ordinary failure all the way to a working replacement, including access, tools and documentation.

Designers can do this before a product ships. Ask someone unconnected to the project to find the part and explain the next step. The place where they stop is a better design brief than another rendering.

WTM TEST

Prototype the failure, not only the launch.

SOURCE FP

FASHION

Can your likeness leave the room?

Consent is more useful when its limits can be read.



Noir Spider Atelier

New York’s Department of Labor says covered clients must get clear written approval from a model before creating or using a digital replica. The approval must specify scope, purpose, rate of pay and the length of use. For covered management companies and groups, the guidance additionally calls for approval separate from the representation agreement.

A workable hypothetical memo would identify the output, name the campaign and channels, give a compensation rate and state the start and end dates. None of those fields should be inferred from a booking for a conventional shoot. This is an illustration, not a contract or an account of Crosse’s terms.

WTM TEST

Read those four fields before comparing the fee.

SOURCE NY LC

GEOPOLITICS

The spare part has a passport

Supply-chain resilience is visible on a small scale.



Noir Spider Atelier

A component can be technically replaceable and still be practically unavailable. A part may come through one distributor, one border crossing or one sea route. UNCTAD’s work on maritime chokepoints explains how concentrated passages can turn regional disruption into delays felt much further away.

For an organisation, store a list of which suppliers share upstream dependencies. A second vendor is not automatically a second source. For a household, check delivery and local repair before treating a global parts catalogue as evidence of local access.

WTM TEST

Find the backup supplier’s supplier.

SOURCE UN

HEALTH

After the appointment

Access is not complete when a device is handed over.



Noir Spider Atelier

WHO and UNICEF estimate more than 2.5 billion people need at least one assistive product. That includes products as different as eyeglasses and wheelchairs. The global figure describes need; it does not tell a reader whether a particular device can be maintained in their community.

A service handover should make the next step explicit: who adjusts the fit, whom to call when it fails and whether someone can borrow a substitute. The point is continuity, not an extra form. Receiving something and being able to rely on it are different outcomes.

WTM TEST

For service design, test the first breakdown after handover.

SOURCE AT

PEOPLE

The hand that hands it on

A skill lasts only when someone else can learn it.



Noir Spider Atelier

A volunteer can fix an object faster alone. Working beside its owner takes longer, but it can leave behind more than a repaired object. Repair Café and Fixit Clinic offer examples of a setting that can turn diagnosis into shared practice.

A workplace can try the same method. Let the person who inherited a task make the next decision while the expert watches. Record the telltale signs, not merely the order of clicks. The test is whether a colleague can act the next time the expert is away.

WTM TEST

Measure who can make the second repair without you.

SOURCE MP PM

STEM

Find a result someone can repeat

An experiment becomes useful when its conditions travel with it.



Noir Spider Atelier

A repair tally is easy to celebrate and hard to interpret if no one records which objects arrived broken, which were attempted or why some attempts stopped. The Open Repair Data Standard gives community repair groups a shared structure for recording what happened.

The lesson is wider than repair. Before asking for a larger dataset, agree on the smallest set of fields another team needs to reproduce a comparison. Write down what a blank value means. An unknown outcome is not the same as a failure.

WTM TEST

Publish the denominator and the missing-data rule.

SOURCE OR

SUSTAINABILITY

Keep the object, measure the system

A repair story sits upstream of a waste story.



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ITU and UNITAR estimated 62 million tonnes of electronic waste in 2022. They reported that 22.3% was documented as formally collected and recycled. That proportion is not a measure of repair, nor does the remainder describe one single destination.

A repair programme should measure time in service and what it avoids replacing. A recycling programme should account for where materials go. Both are useful; they answer different questions. Treat them separately before aggregating an environmental result.

WTM TEST

Name the outcome before giving it a green label.

SOURCE EW

TRAVEL

The trip between the trips

A timetable does not show the whole journey.



Noir Spider Atelier

A station can look close on a map while a broken lift, a steep pavement or a missed connection makes it impractical in use. The International Transport Forum’s accessibility work distinguishes reaching destinations from moving quickly through a network.

Build an itinerary from the door, not the departure board. Check boarding, transfers, luggage and the last approach. The better comparison may be the number of decisions a traveller has to get right rather than the fastest possible arrival.

WTM TEST

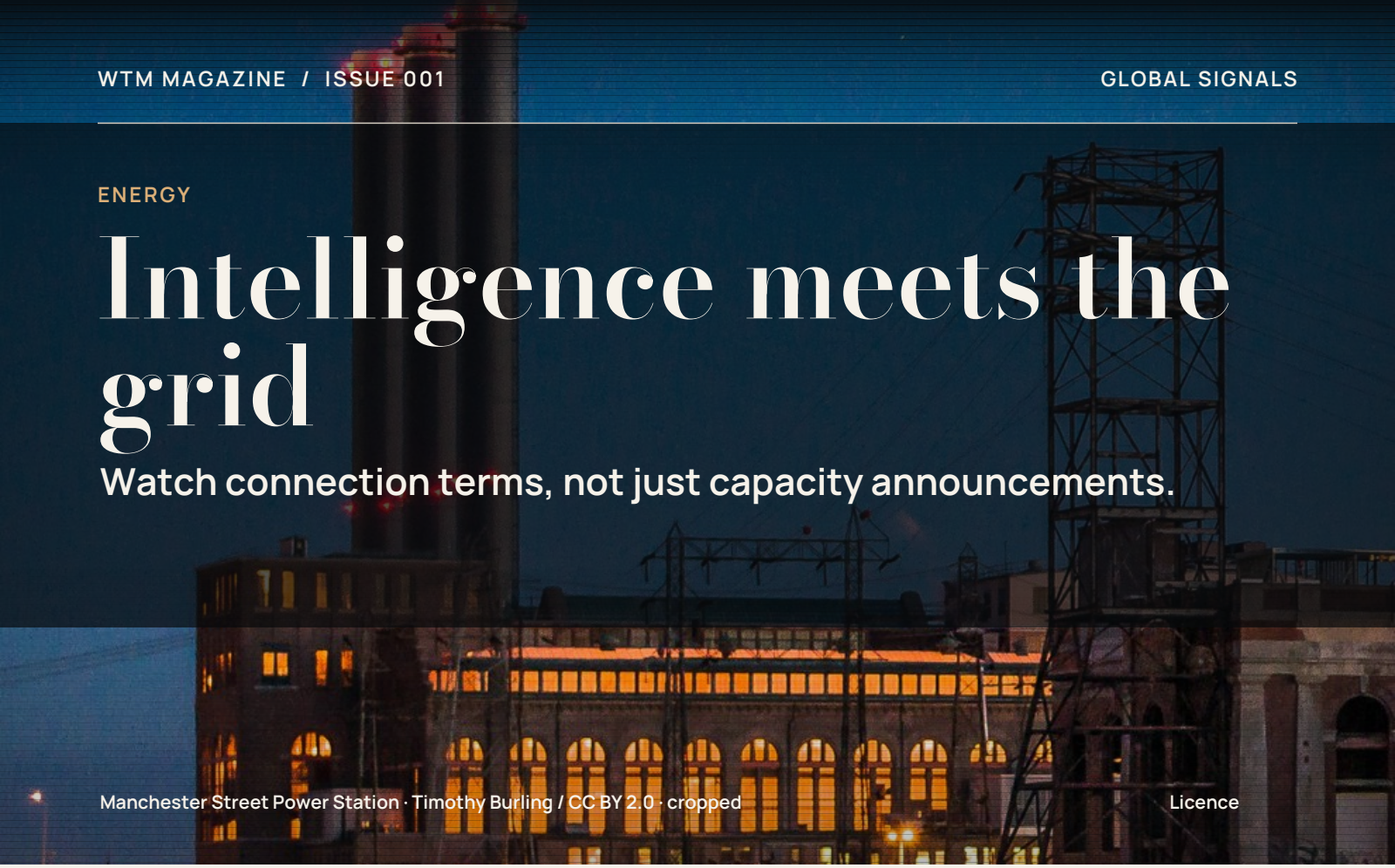
Compare two routes at the time someone actually needs to travel.

SOURCE TR

ENERGY

Intelligence meets the grid

Watch connection terms, not just capacity announcements.



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THE SIGNAL

The IEA’s 2026 analysis treats electricity availability and flexibility as material constraints for data centres. One useful signal is whether developers can defer some load, provide storage or take responsibility for new local capacity. Those choices matter more to a utility than an announcement measured only in investment dollars.

HOW TO READ IT

A permit is not a grid connection. Check the proposed service date, what gets built for it and who bears the cost if forecast load does not arrive.

WHAT TO WATCH

A public connection agreement that assigns costs and protects ordinary customers.

SOURCE IEA QU

REGULATION

Repair moves into the rulebook

A new right matters when a customer can use it.



Map: Noir Spider Atelier · Natural Earth

THE SIGNAL

The EU’s repair directive sets common rules but does not make every object repairable or give every product the same treatment. Product scope and national implementation matter. The practical test is whether a consumer can locate a qualifying repair and understand the terms.

HOW TO READ IT

Distinguish the right to ask from the capacity to deliver. Availability, time away from the device and total price still govern the choice.

WHAT TO WATCH

A clear local repair route for a named model, outside its warranty.

SOURCE EU

HOUSING

Adaptation moves indoors

Heat is a problem people experience one room at a time.



Noir Spider Atelier

THE SIGNAL

WHO’s housing guidance covers indoor temperature among other health risks. Housing adaptation is most useful when it starts with people’s actual routines, not a generic list of upgrades. An afternoon reading in a shaded room can look very different from a night in a bedroom that never cools.

HOW TO READ IT

For a property portfolio, ask who can change the building, who pays the energy bill and who has control of windows and shade. Those answers can expose a split between investment and benefit.

WHAT TO WATCH

Overnight temperatures and energy costs before and after a targeted intervention.

SOURCE HH

WORK

The real cost of care

A better service design does not send its missing work home.



Noir Spider Atelier

THE SIGNAL

The ILO’s Care at Work report examines how leave and services support care. The operational question for any employer is what happens when those supports are unavailable at the moment someone needs them. An officially generous policy may be unusable if approval is slow or shifts cannot be covered.

HOW TO READ IT

Look at who leaves, who works fewer hours than planned and who provides unpaid backup. Count those outcomes separately instead of burying them in a single employee-satisfaction score.

WHAT TO WATCH

Evidence that staff can use a policy without losing shifts or income unexpectedly.

SOURCE CF

PROCUREMENT

From spare part to second source

Local stock is an outcome, not a promise.



Noir Spider Atelier

THE SIGNAL

EU repair rules and the FTC’s study of repair restrictions approach the issue from different jurisdictions. Neither is a substitute for testing local access. Ask a buyer to find one part under a time limit, verify the price and choose an available technician.

HOW TO READ IT

Establish where failure occurred. A problem with parts, labour, warranty information or platform permissions needs a different fix. That makes a vague procurement pledge easier to enforce.

WHAT TO WATCH

A contract with parts availability, maximum lead times and usable service documentation.

SOURCE EU FTC

TRADE

The route with a second way home

Reliability competes with speed.



Noir Spider Atelier

THE SIGNAL

UNCTAD’s study of maritime chokepoints shows why concentrated routes can magnify individual disruptions. A longer route can be worth the price if the alternative is an unexpected outage that stops a business from maintaining essential equipment.

HOW TO READ IT

Compare time distributions rather than one arrival estimate. Identify which goods can tolerate delay, and which stop a service if they fail to turn up.

WHAT TO WATCH

Multiple workable routes and realistic delivery ranges for critical inventory.

SOURCE UN

DATA

Measuring what could not be fixed

Documentation gets useful when it records the bad news.



Noir Spider Atelier

THE SIGNAL

The Open Repair Data Standard makes community records more comparable by defining fields. A successful repair, a repair that needs a part and an unattempted repair are not interchangeable outcomes. Good evidence keeps those distinctions instead of turning them into one success total.

HOW TO READ IT

A team that publishes why items were not fixed can improve procurement and training. Volunteer observations can reveal patterns without representing every repair or every consumer.

WHAT TO WATCH

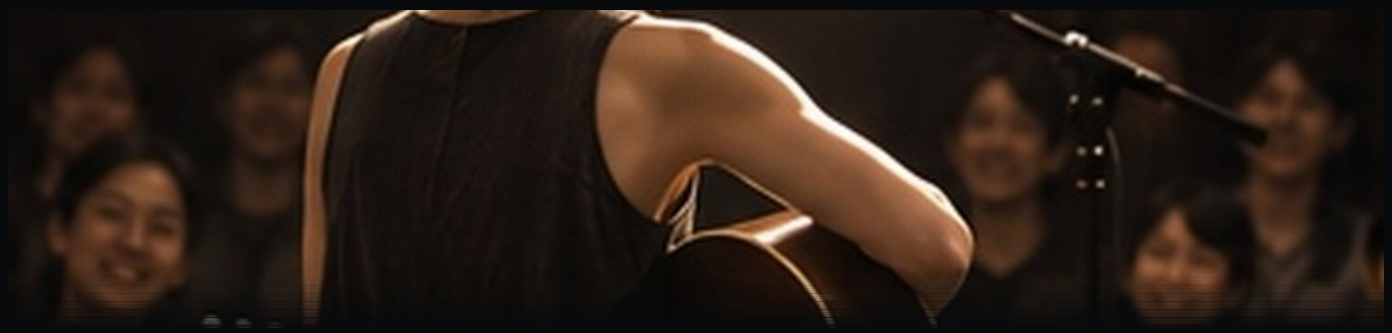
A public denominator with explicit unknowns and reason codes.

SOURCE OR

CULTURE

A second audience, not a second platform

Distribution is valuable when creators can carry their work with them.



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THE SIGNAL

UNESCO’s work on cultural expressions gives a useful framework for noticing who can make, distribute and find cultural work. A new channel improves discovery only if creators can get paid, retain rights and return to the audience later.

HOW TO READ IT

In a contract, look for the right to export audience data you are allowed to hold, reuse the work and license it elsewhere. Followers are not the same as permission to contact people.

WHAT TO WATCH

A distribution deal with a clear rights window and a practical route back to readers.

SOURCE UC

ACCESS

The last metre is the design

A service is not accessible just because its first screen is.



Noir Spider Atelier

THE SIGNAL

W3C’s WCAG 2.2 includes criteria that address interactions such as focus visibility and target size. The parallel in physical transport is a trip measured to the destination, not merely to the station. Both make the weakest step visible.

HOW TO READ IT

Start at the final task and work backwards. Could someone place the order, reach the room or complete the form without an improvised workaround? That tells you which improvement matters first.

WHAT TO WATCH

A complete real-user journey, with a documented failure and re-test.

SOURCE WC TR

AFRICA · KENYA

Nzambi Matee

What a scrap becomes depends on the person willing to test it.



EDITORIAL PORTRAIT
Noir Spider Atelier

THE PUBLIC RECORD

UNEP named Matee a 2020 Young Champion of the Earth for Africa. It profiles her work founding Gjenge Makers, which takes plastic waste and turns it into building materials. In its account, offcuts and scraps include material collected from manufacturers. That is a concrete supply chain, not a generic promise that all plastic can become a building product.

WHAT IT CHANGES

Her work invites a hard but respectful question. Can material gathered from inconsistent streams become a product someone can buy, use and trust? A useful answer would compare durability, safety, cost and supply consistency for a specified use. A compelling prototype does not settle every one of those tests.

The action is human at both ends: someone sorts what a manufacturer discarded; someone else decides whether the result deserves a place in the built environment. The distance between those two people is where design does its work.

SOURCE NM

ASIA · PAKISTAN

Yasmeen Lari

What if the people who live with a building can also repair it?



EDITORIAL PORTRAIT
Noir Spider Atelier

THE PUBLIC RECORD

The Heritage Foundation of Pakistan identifies Lari as a co-founder and honours her work as a recipient of the 2023 RIBA Royal Gold Medal. Its public work centres humanitarian design and heritage conservation. Read together, those areas suggest a different measure of architectural legacy: not novelty, but the ability to make an existing body of knowledge useful under new pressure.

WHAT IT CHANGES

A building will outlive a design meeting if someone knows how to care for it. Choosing material is only part of the job. A design also makes decisions about labour, training and what households can do when a specialist is far away. These decisions deserve as much scrutiny as the drawing.

Lari’s practice offers a way to ask the question without turning it into nostalgia. The value of a building tradition is not that it is old. It is that someone can adapt it, explain it and keep it in use.

SOURCE YL

EUROPE · THE NETHERLANDS

Martine Postma

The best tool in the room might be another person.



EDITORIAL PORTRAIT
Noir Spider Atelier

THE PUBLIC RECORD

Repair Café International credits Postma with organising the first event in Amsterdam-West in 2009. The concept makes a practical premise public: instead of leaving a broken object with a professional, an owner can work through the problem alongside another person. At its best, the repair moves from a transaction to an exchange of knowledge.

WHAT IT CHANGES

Imagine an object coming to a shared table. The owner knows the sound it made before it stopped. A volunteer knows which question to ask next. Neither observation guarantees a fix, but together they make diagnosis less mysterious. This is an illustration of the model, not an observed scene.

The enduring idea is room for another attempt. Even an unsuccessful repair can show that the problem was a missing part rather than a lack of skill. A city could learn something by making that distinction visible.

SOURCE MP

NORTH AMERICA · UNITED STATES

Liris Crosse

Being seen is a beginning. Being asked back is a different achievement.



EDITORIAL ILLUSTRATION
Noir Spider Atelier

THE PUBLIC RECORD

On The WTM Conversations, Crosse traces the work behind fashion visibility: how agency relationships shape access, how confidence changes over a career, and how campaigns can put people in the picture without giving them power over what follows. The episode’s value is in recovering what the finished image leaves out.

WHAT IT CHANGES

A person’s likeness is not a perpetual right that arrives with a booking. The issue becomes sharper when an image can be altered or reused without the person returning to the room. Crosse’s interview raises the human question of where authority sits. New York’s separate statutory example appears in the Fashion desk; it is not a description of her contract.

The proof of change might be the least photogenic thing in a campaign: another paid booking, a better approval clause or the authority to say no without losing the next opportunity.

SOURCE LC NY

SOUTH AMERICA · BRAZIL

Txai Suruí

Protecting a place means listening to the people who live with the risk.



EDITORIAL PORTRAIT
Noir Spider Atelier

THE PUBLIC RECORD

The United Nations in Brazil records Suruí's appointment to the Secretary-General's Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change and identifies her as the founder and coordinator of the Indigenous Youth Movement of Rondônia. That work places Indigenous youth inside a global discussion often framed through emissions, finance and targets.

WHAT IT CHANGES

A climate decision can be well expressed in an international document and still tell people little about whose account of the land will be heard. Her public advocacy helps put that question back where it belongs: with communities who have knowledge of places and a stake in decisions that affect them.

For readers far from Rondônia, the distinction is between visibility and authority. The useful test is not simply who spoke at a meeting but what changed because their evidence and rights were taken seriously.

SOURCE TS

OCEANIA · AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

Jade Kake

A good brief asks who has authority before it asks what to build.



EDITORIAL PORTRAIT
Noir Spider Atelier

THE PUBLIC RECORD

Kake’s practice, Matakohe Architecture + Urbanism, describes work with Māori communities, connecting design to people, place and identity. Its project and practice materials offer a challenge to the idea that a designer can settle the important questions alone before anyone else enters the room.

WHAT IT CHANGES

A brief normally asks for area, cost and a deadline. It can also ask who defines success, how decisions are made, and what must remain possible for people who use the place later. Those questions are difficult to add once a contract or a drawing has set the terms.

This is one argument for asking earlier, not for treating a consultation method as a universal template. If the people with the deepest ties to a place cannot change the brief, the process has invited them in without giving them authority.

SOURCE JK

ARCHITECTURE

Anne Lacaton

Start by asking what can stay.



Noir Spider Atelier

The Pritzker award profile documents the Grand Parc housing transformation by Anne Lacaton and Jean-Philippe Vassal with Frédéric Druot and Christophe Hutin. The 530-unit project is a useful counterexample to equating ambition with replacement. The scale matters because the question involved an existing housing system, not only a demonstrator.

Keeping the old structure did not mean keeping everything the same. The designers added usable space and changed relationships between inside and outside. For an owner comparing options, the lesson is to price disturbance, displacement and useful life alongside capital cost.

WTM TEST

Request a retention option before approving a demolition brief.

SOURCE AL

REPAIR

Peter Mui

Make diagnosis a public skill.



Noir Spider Atelier

Fixit Clinic describes sessions in which people bring objects and work with volunteer coaches. Its approach treats the owner as a participant, not merely a person waiting at a counter. Even when a part is unavailable, understanding the fault may turn an apparently disposable object into a practical decision.

A good system records where a repair stopped. Was it diagnosis, an unavailable part, a safety issue or a manufacturer restriction? A community clinic need not compete with professional repairers; it can help identify what should be referred to one.

WTM TEST

Good repair teaching ends with someone able to describe their next step.

SOURCE PM OR

CULTURE

Muthoni Drummer Queen

Build the place where the next artist can begin.



Noir Spider Atelier

TED Fellows profiles the Kenyan artist and cultural entrepreneur through work that includes Blankets & Wine and the perFORM music incubator. The connection between stage and training matters: one gives work an audience; the other helps develop the people and relationships that put it there.

A strong music ecosystem asks who gets access to skills, venues, fees and a repeat audience. One hit or sold-out evening cannot answer all of that. The better indicator is whether creators have more durable ways to earn and keep making work after the event ends.

WTM TEST

Look at what a festival leaves behind after the stage is taken down.

SOURCE MD

COMPANY PICK / EDITORIAL SELECTION, NOT AN AWARD

Fairphone

A repair-friendly design is only half the deal.

OWNER REPAIR

Battery or display

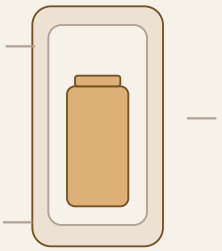
The manufacturer publishes a route for replacing these parts on supported models.

SPECIALISED SERVICE

Confirmed Core Module fault

The Core Module is not sold as a standalone spare. Fairphone directs confirmed faults to its specialised service centre.

REPAIR PATHS



Battery / display

Core Module

Schematic · Noir Spider Atelier

10/10 iFixit's 2025 Gen. 6 teardown

Class A EU repairability class for model FP6

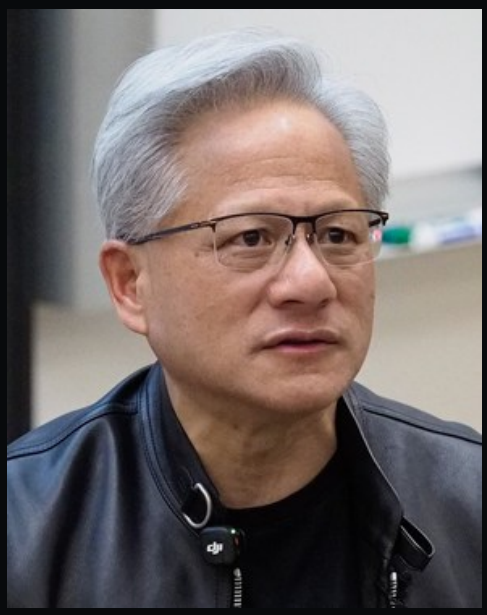
The two ratings use different methods. iFixit lists Fairphone as a commercial collaborator and says collaborators do not influence scoring. WTM did not run a hands-on repair test. Check local stock, service cost and warranty terms for your exact model.

SOURCE FP IF EP IP RF

CELEBRITY SPOTLIGHT

Jensen Huang

The founder returns. What can the institution do without him?



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NVIDIA announced on 23 November that its board had reinstated founder Jensen Huang as CEO, president and director. In the same announcement it said its independent directors' investigation would continue. The reinstatement is a board decision, not a finding that ends the inquiry. Colette Kress had served as interim CEO and remained CFO.

Days earlier, while Kress was interim CEO, NVIDIA reported fiscal third-quarter revenue of $115.8 billion, of which $107.6 billion was Data Center revenue. Those are company-reported figures for the quarter ended 25 October 2026. They show how much this business depends on the infrastructure build-out. They do not answer a governance question.

A recognisable founder can make a difficult technology intelligible and help customers imagine what to build. A mature board must also be able to disagree, explain what it knows and keep commitments running through a change of leadership. These abilities reinforce a founder's work rather than diminish it.

WTM TEST

Watch whether the board reports the inquiry's conclusion and whether investors can distinguish announcements, power connections and actual deployments.

SOURCE NV NR IEA

PUBLIC LEADERSHIP · GEORGIA

Keisha Lance Bottoms

Winning the office and governing the state are different jobs.



PORTRAIT CREDIT
Public-domain portrait

The Associated Press identifies former Atlanta mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms as Georgia's governor-elect after the November 2026 election. It also reports that Republicans retain the state Senate. The result changes who will lead the executive branch; it does not mean each campaign proposal will automatically have a path through the legislature.

The useful first test is not a list of promises. It is the conversion of a promise into an agency assignment, a public budget proposal and a timetable. For a housing initiative, for example, a statewide budget can create capacity, but it cannot tell a family when a local project will open or who will qualify.

Read the first budget and committee calendars together. Ask which measures require legislation, who can implement them if approved and what people can expect to see first. Those questions work regardless of party and give the public something concrete to check later.

WTM TEST

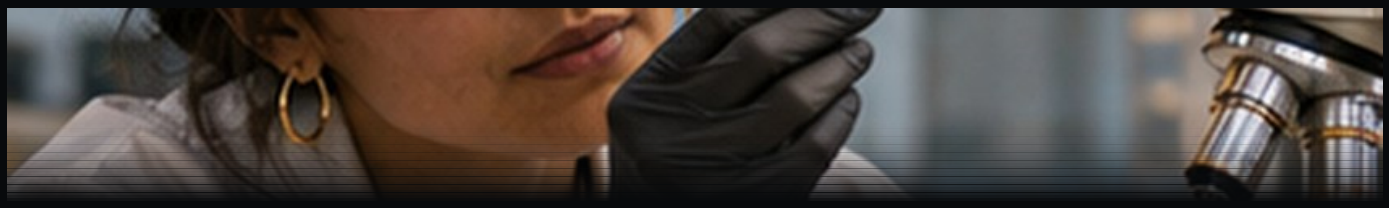
Track agency leadership, appropriations and delivery milestones. This is an editorial watchlist, not a claim about adopted policy.

SOURCE GA AP

TECHNOLOGY · APPLE

The repair after the repair

A replacement part is not always the last step.



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Apple’s instructions say Repair Assistant installs calibration data after certain iPhone or iPad components have been replaced. On supported devices and parts, users can in some cases reuse a component from the same model. Model, software and part restrictions matter; the existence of a programme is not evidence that every repair follows the same process.

This creates a useful distinction between physical access and functional completion. A buyer may find a compatible piece of hardware and still need access to calibration, credentials or support. Calibration can help verify correct operation. It can also be a practical dependency if the owner cannot complete it under the conditions that apply to their device.

A repairability comparison should start from a named device and part, then follow the path to a verified working result. Include tools, time, diagnosis and software steps. Readers do not need a universal verdict about Apple to make a better decision about the phone they own.

WTM TEST

Before ordering a part, confirm that the exact model is supported and identify who can complete calibration.

SOURCE AS AM

PLATFORMS · META

Who writes the correction?

A useful note has to arrive early enough to be seen.



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Meta began showing Community Notes in the U.S. in 2025 across Facebook, Instagram and Threads as it ended new third-party fact-check labels there. In September 2026 it said it was testing the model in 16 Spanish-speaking Latin American countries while keeping independent fact-checking during the test period. A test announcement is not a claim of full deployment in every market.

The company describes a system in which contributors with different rating histories agree that context is helpful. That may surface evidence a central team would overlook; it may also leave some posts without context until enough people weigh in. Counting notes alone cannot distinguish those outcomes.

Assess delay and coverage separately. How many people saw the original before a note appeared? Which languages and topics received useful notes? And what happens when genuine disagreement makes contextual agreement harder? Those measures tell more than the size of a contributor list.

WTM TEST

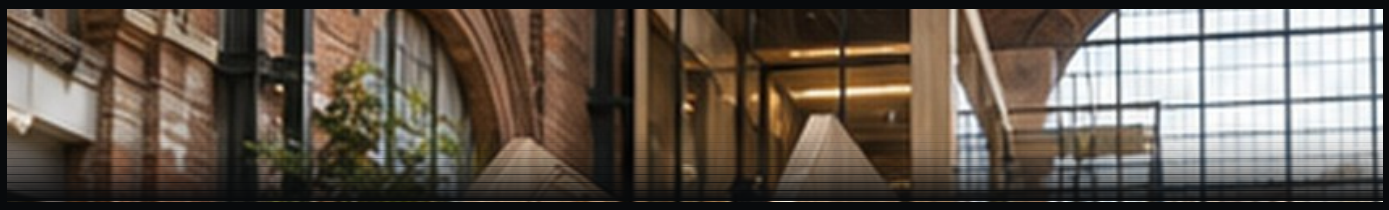
For important claims, follow the evidence link whether or not there is a note.

SOURCE ME ML

COMMUNITY · HOUSING

Habitat for Humanity

A house is built once. Affordable ownership has to keep working.



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Habitat describes its U.S. model as a partnership with local affiliates. It does not simply give away homes: selected applicants work with the programme and repay an affordable mortgage. Homebuyer preparation can include education and different forms of sweat equity. Local affiliates manage eligibility and applications.

The question behind the build is what a family must be able to do the year after moving in. An affordable payment is central, but household stability also depends on maintenance, access to services and the ability to handle an unexpected cost. Those are reasons to look beyond the ribbon-cutting when assessing housing programmes.

Habitat also describes rehabilitation and repair work. A community considering how to spend a limited housing budget can compare those activities with new construction without assuming one solves all needs. The right comparison asks what each option changes, for whom and how quickly.

WTM TEST

Start with the local affiliate’s published rules. Compare the path to apply, total household cost and available support after closing.

SOURCE HF HR QH

COMMUNITY · NAPLES, FLORIDA

The Rotary Club of Naples

Local service is most useful when it can show what continues.



Rotary Club of Akure, Nigeria · 2025 polio-awareness walk · not the Naples club
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The Rotary Club of Naples describes Learn2Earn as a scholarship programme for local residents with financial need seeking vocational, technical, occupational or associate-level education. The club emphasises training that leads to work in Southwest Florida. That makes this an example of a local service organisation directing help at a specific transition.

An award can remove one barrier without removing all of them. Tuition is visible; transport, tools, unreliable hours and care obligations can be just as consequential for completing a course. Those factors are worth asking about, not outcomes WTM has verified for this programme.

For a supporter, the question is whether a contribution helps someone get through the whole transition. For the club, useful measures could include completions and continued employment, with consent and without turning individuals into publicity. The local specificity is the strength: it gives readers something they can examine and a model they can adapt.

WTM TEST

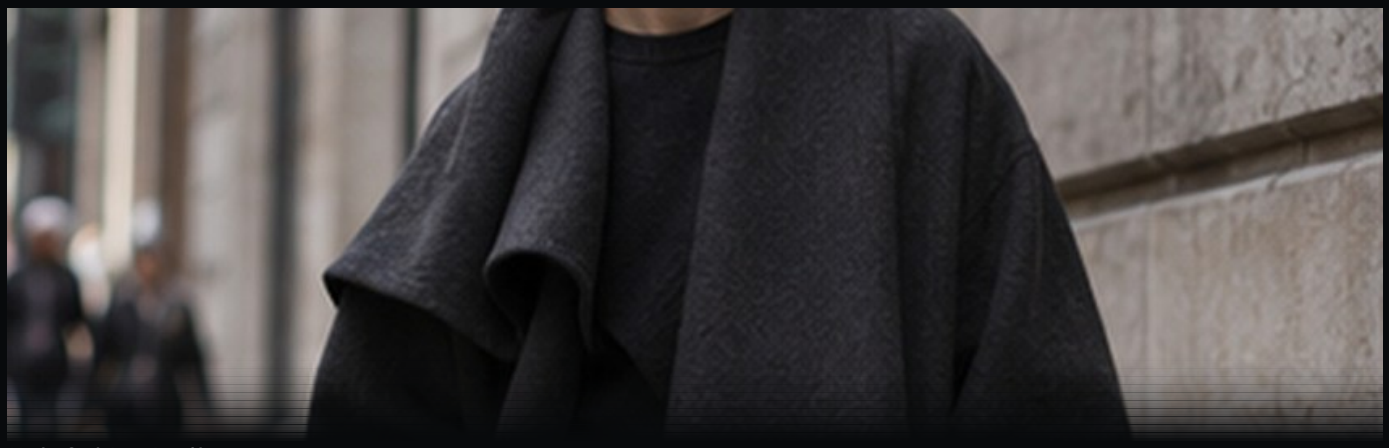
Ask what continuing support is available, and what the programme tracks after an award. Independent editorial coverage, not an advertisement.

SOURCE RT

MENSWEAR

A quieter kind of armour

A coat’s shape only matters if you can live in it.



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Leave room for the layer you actually wear and check what happens when you reach, sit or carry a bag. A seam in a place you can neither see nor open may be difficult to alter even when the fit looks right on day one.

Before buying, try the coat using your ordinary gestures. Notice whether the shoulder pulls, where the pocket opens and whether a tailor could reach the lining. A memorable silhouette should not make the rest of the day harder.

WTM TEST

The fitting-room test: sit, reach, close the coat and put something in each pocket.

WOMENSWEAR

The strength of a clean line

Tailoring can draw the eye without dictating how someone moves.



Noir Spider Atelier

A décolletage, softened shoulder or deliberate waist can make a strong line; no one construction suits every body. Think first about where a garment needs to move and where it can hold a shape. Then look at whether its fastenings can be reached without help.

A wardrobe decision is also a maintenance decision. Consider whether the main seam can be let out, a fastening replaced, or the fabric cared for at home. These choices are usually less visible than the cut, and can matter longer.

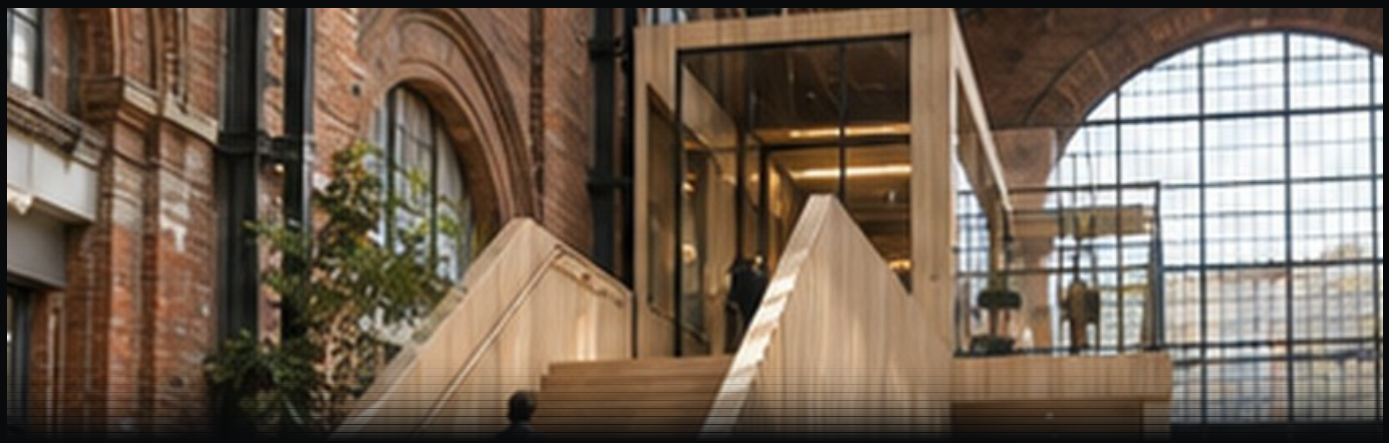
WTM TEST

Try the garment from the back, in motion and in the light where you will wear it.

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

Crossing the old building

A staircase can reveal a whole new map of a familiar place.



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The illustration imagines a timber route inserted into an existing shell. The visual effect is not the only question. What do people see when they enter? Where can they pause without blocking circulation? Which destinations can they reach if they cannot use the stair?

An adaptive reuse decision should compare access, disruption and future maintenance. Test a route from the street to the most important room, including the lift or ramp. Then ask which new elements can be repaired without closing the building.

WTM TEST

Draw the route people will really take, not only the path the image celebrates.

SOURCE AL TR

INTERIOR DESIGN

A room for the whole day

Good light follows the person, not the centre of the ceiling.



Noir Spider Atelier

The same room may support reading, conversation and quiet recovery. Putting light close to each activity and giving people control makes it possible to change one setting without lighting the whole room to the same level.

Begin with the chair someone uses most. Trace daylight and glare at the time they sit there. Check how far a switch is, whether it is easy to reach and what happens when a lamp is off. Make changes one at a time so the useful one is obvious.

WTM TEST

Test an evening scene before buying a roomful of fixtures.

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