

Catalysing the emergence of a human revolution

We believe that if we reconnect with our own humanity, the space of possibilities reopens and it can lead to creating deep long-lasting transformation.

We do this by asking better questions

What is The Fifth Element?

The Fifth Element is a platform for systems transformation.

We help people and initiatives find each other, learn together and reconnect their work to a larger field of change. This includes nurturing insight, collaboration and community — across differences, geographies and generations.



How do we work?

- 1 We identify the tensions and barriers that prevent meaningful progress on issues like climate change, inequality and social breakdown.
- 2 We bring together diverse collaborators to develop fresh approaches to these challenges.
- 3 We work with partners to implement practical interventions that encourage new behaviours and ways of working together.



Through a systems lens, we work across the multiple chasms of modern societies:

ACROSS DISCIPLINES

Putting all scientific and innovative capacities together at the service of societal needs for sustainability and regeneration

Catalysing mutual transformations across different worldwiews. towards equitable wellbeing on a healthy planet

ACROSS GEOGRAPH

ACROSS GENERATIONS

Exploring how the momentum of future generations could be combined with the experience of current ones to deliver transformative learning

COS LANGUAGES Mobilising artistic languages and practices to shed light on blind spots and create new expressions and meanings

> **Building** on emergent responses by communities on the ground, and creating the resonance and pollination between them

ACROSS STATUS

Working across chasms

Reconnecting business and finance with social and natural groundings, to promote regenerative practices and stop extractive ones







Emergence, resonance, pollination

We connect people, initiatives, and organisations to learn and act together. By highlighting local, place-based solutions rooted in living systems, we show how they work and spark wider change.

Intergenerational collaboration

We're working to bridge the gap in-between generations and bring together youth, academics and experts to create practical solutions for the world's biggest challenges.

Reframing research for the 21st century

We work to reframe the role of research and innovation in society and explore how transdisciplinary, community-driven approaches can transform academia.

Reconciling worldviews across cultures

Across North and South, East and West, we work to foster mutual understanding that enables transformation, moving beyond "us and them" towards peaceful pluriversality.

Regenerative enterprises

We're working toward reinventing organisations, especially businesses, which are currently constrained by outdated linear frameworks.

Art for social transformation

We explore how artistic practices can unlock collective transformation through shared learning and help humanity move from today's overlapping crises to desirable futures.

Join the movement

The Fifth Element is a living platform, open to all fellow voyagers.

We aim to open the space of possibilities to experiment with unconventional responses, potentially contributing to new ecological civilisations—where humans live in harmony with each other and with all life.

How you can be involved:

- Spotlight your work and research, related to our sphere of work.
- Check out our work, and share your thoughts.
- Partner with us on initiatives.
- Follow and amplify via thefifthelement.earth and social media below



An initiative by The Club of Rome

Grounded in its legacy of systems thinking and long-term foresight, The Fifth Element brings to life The Club of Rome's strategic goal of making sense of complexity and catalysing transformational change by acting as a living platform — connecting people, ideas and initiatives across cultures and disciplines.

The Fifth Element does this by weaving together cultural and material transformation, fostering deep learning and inviting diverse wisdom to help shape regenerative futures.







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