

Where is my plastic bag?

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What ideas come to your mind when you hear the word "future"? Do you imagine your very own and private future or fantasize about something global, where all humanity will participate? Today we have already crossed the line of "consumer society" and turned into creators of huge mountains of waste and consumers of an incredible amount of energy. Project "Where is my plastic bag?" is the study of plastic waste by the artists and the understanding of personal responsibility in the context of a common future.

Li-Mi-Yan and Sadovsky identified three main parts of their project. The first, activist part, includes the collection of plastic waste in museums and art institutions in Moscow, where recycle containers with labels "Plastic for art" were installed. Everyone who threw a plastic bottle into the recycle bin became a participant in the project. It was important not only to collect garbage, but also to attract people to a new, yet unusual action. After all, we consider the history of humanity not as a summary of isolated regions where everyone acts only for himself, but as a living network of developing species that constantly influence each other.

Two other parts of the project are the recycling of the collected plastic to create sculptures and the research in collaboration with scientists in the field of polymers. For artists, it is important to consider plastic not as a problem, but as a resource that becomes new material for production after being processed.

Plastic waste directly affects the planet's ecosystem and climate warming. As a result, humanity will have to start implementing new programs, which will be the exact opposite of today's norms. After all, life today determines our future, which is unknown. Plastic has already got into our body. Many people carry implants of high quality plastic. The biological nature of human fuses with technology. A large percentage of living organisms are dying out, but this does not preclude the development of new organisms. Cells that can begin to develop under a layer of plastic will also be able to eat this plastic. Or you and me. It is strange to assume that humanity is the end point in evolution.

The question remains - what innovations will save the environment and launch us into the next era? After all, it took billions of years and several energy eras to create people breathing oxygen, devouring the flesh, owning fire, electricity, technology, oil, plastic, which can be learned to turn into a resource.