

July 2026, an **International Manifesto** (raw, to be corrected, integrated, refined)

Take Back Technology and Life: The Point of view of Children

with their help, when we allow them to be **active protagonists of the Information Society**.

1. These days, articles are circulating about [Jo Nagai](#), who, as butterfly enthusiast, at the age of 10 imagined and scientifically tested how memory in those insects is transmitted from caterpillars to adults and even to subsequent generations.

Of course, this is an exceptional case and individuality, but those who work, research, and learn with **children** know that it is absolutely normal, especially during group activities where, **through play, they develop thought and knowledge**, that they regularly go beyond the understanding of the knowledge that adults transmit and produce original elaborations and culture, finding a natural balance between body, mind, sociality, nature, and technology. Normally, no one takes this into account and the school itself is still considered a place of transmission, not of cultural production.

2. During these last decades, the **widespread diffusion** first of television and then of **personal technological means** such as PCs and smart phones has radically changed the way knowledge is made, spread, and consumed in our societies. **Children** themselves, who, given their easiness, can use these means firsthand, can play an **unprecedented leading role**, not as individual consumers, but as groups who in play easily go **beyond the stereotypes, conventions, and cultural blocks** that influence so many adults, caught between the enormous power of new media and their too rapid, market-doped diffusion, which did not allow for adequate cultural preparation.

3. In times when communication is fragmented into myriads of streams, in the unpredictable and often counterproductive ways of social networks, between rules established by private commercial managers and terrible habits internalized by most of people who effectively give up sharing and building together, it is a question of seeing if, by setting specific objectives, it is still possible, and in what way, **use the very powerful tool of the World Wide Web** to extract in this case from the activities and experiences with children **data, documents, insights and good practices**, which can suggest a positive look at the world and the actual possibilities of living in it as **active and aware actors and citizens**.

4. **A group of people gather, with diverse and complementary experiences**, who, from different parts of the world, choose to share a part of them, so that they are adequately documented, known, and processed. **The perspectives of children can emerge** in the society, beyond clichés, as a strong element of novelty and richness.

5. **A global map of catalogs, channels, websites, and existing projects** that focus on women, men, and real children is drawn and proposed within and outside the group to create **a general panorama**, a context of reasoning and action based on **people's lives** and not on external, distant, alienating ideologies and narratives to which one must "adapt."

6. We strive to **better connect and redevelop meetings**, conferences, film, literature and nature festivals related to childhood, which, even at good levels of quality, take place periodically across the planet, so that they can lead to an overall growth in knowledge and proposals for the society as a whole, beyond the feeling of repeating the same rituals over and over again only among a marginal circle of professionals.

7. **An international working group is being built** to optimize methodologies and strategies to avoid wasting experience, theory, and resources, developing appropriate "algorithms" aimed at human collaboration, also with an intelligent use of artificial intelligence.

8. Looking ahead, **a global network of information**, documents, proposals, online **meetings**, and **field workshops** is being made available **to the entire world**, giving an idea of how to reverse the deadly spiral of incommunicability, aggression, constant brawling, fear, hatred, and opposition between pre-established factions that are currently poisoning so many of our societies.