

During the autumn of 2010 Designactivism.net ran a survey to collect reader's views on this emerging area of design. You can read a summary of the survey results here: <http://designactivism.net/archives/317>

One of the questions was: "If a friend or colleague asked you about sources on design activism, what are the top two you would recommend?" Below is a modestly edited list of the responses. Although I didn't remove duplicates, I removed the "I don't know" replies and some of the commentary (to help anonymize the responses). Note that this was a free response question and I haven't cleaned it up (in terms of capitalization, punctuation, title treatments, etc.).

Thanks for reading,  
Ann Thorpe

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No Logo (by Naomi Klein), Design for the Real World (by Victor Papanek),  
1. TED. 2. IDE Runners up: OLPC, Gates foundation, Acumen fund, Dean Kamen  
Ad busters. Design for the other 90%  
anything by Ann Thorpe (blog, book etc.), Adbusters  
Architecture for Humanity "Design like you give a damn"  
Book Eternally yours: Time in Design  
Chaos Communication Congress in Berlin & the blog "we-make-money-not-art"  
Cradle to Cradle and John Thackara  
Design Activism blog, Treehugger website  
Design Firms & manufacturers (Functional approach)  
Design Observer. <http://www.designcouncil.org.uk/>  
Design for the Real World (revised), Design Meets Disability, Foxfire books  
Designers Accord  
Doors of Perception and Design for India blogs.  
For the visually engaging, 'Radical cartograophy and essays.'  
Fran Gury - art activist blog - <http://www.backspace.com/notes/>  
Fuad-Luke Leeds University event 1 Good, PopTech!  
Hertzian Tales (Anthony Dunne), Sustainable by Design (Stuart Walker)  
'The Context of low product' text from the website core77.  
core77? icon magazine?  
Project H and Kickstart.  
Fast Company articles and excerpts from World Changing.  
Interactions (from ACM)  
Jason Justice and Luba Lakova.  
Juergen Bey (designer) Doors of Perception

Kook design, de Faltazi design

Living principles. The atlas for the sustainable design. Story of stuff.

Otto von busch's work <http://www.selfpassage.org/> Kryzstof Wodiczko and Interrogative Design

P. Levy's Collective Intelligence A. Thorpe's The designer's atlas of sustainability

Phd design list discussions and links

Project H by Emily Pilloton

TED.com, designactivism.net

Tony Fry's 'Design Futuring,' Faud-Lukes 'Design Activism'

Victor Papanek and Buckminster Fuller

Worldchanging by Alex Steffen, Sachel Josefson

adbusters

alasdair fuad-luke's book, thinkpublics work

cradle to cradle, anything on the history of Germany from 1890 ->

good.is, projectH

history books: specifically those dealing with enlightenment and early modernist movements

<http://designactivism.net>, Design Activism: Beautiful Strangeness for a Sustainable World

<http://designactivism.net>, "Design Activism" by Faud-Luke

<http://designactivism.net/>, davidharvey.org

<http://osdissey.tumblr.com>, Design Activism Alastair Fuad-Luke

<http://www.tacticaltech.org/infodesign> AdBuster

designobserver

socialdesignsite.com

design activism (alastair faud luke)

[www.designboom.com](http://www.designboom.com) [www.core77.com](http://www.core77.com)

designactivism.net, designniteschange.org, artcenter's "designmatters" program.

the work of Ezio Manzini.

General theories in participatory design, wicked problem theory, planning theory, bruce mau: massive change, UK's design council, Participle

Papanek's Design for the Real World is a good starting point. The new activism can be seen in IDEO's HCD guidelines "Design for Social Impact, 2008"

Social Design Notes, <http://backspace.com/notes/> Famine Crimes, by Alex de Waal (Not really about design, but powerful)

Blogs: Groundswell, Social Design Notes Books: Alter/ Hanover Principal; Fuad-Luke/ Design Activism; Thorpe/ Atlas of Sustainability

Citizen designer by Steven Heller Social Design Note blog (<http://backspace.com/notes>)

IDEO, Project for Public Spaces, Ezio Manzini, Emily Piliton's Project H design, Thinkpublic is a UK design firm that does 'social design'

Sources on design activism from the survey on [www.designactivism.net](http://www.designactivism.net), autumn 2010

Victor Papanek's "Design for the Real World"; First Things First Manifesto, 1964 and 2000 update

Magazine: Subscription to Adbuster. Books: Robert Jungk (1954), Tomorrow Is Already Here, New York: Simon and Schuster. Manzini E. (1990) Artefatti - Verso una nuova economia dell'ambiente artificiale, Milano: Domus Academy. Eno, B. (2004) Eternally Yours. Time in Design, Rotterdam: 010 Publisher.

Good: An introduction to ethics in graphic design [www.socialdesignsite.com](http://www.socialdesignsite.com)

ann thorpe's blog, Design Activism: Beautiful strangeness for a Sustainable World; Alaistar Fuad Luke

'Do good design', Fuad-Luke, the book citizen designer. Designactivism.net along with design issues book, Guy Julier.

the design roadshow, core 77

Victor Papanek's Design for the Real World is a seminal text, Architecture for Humanity's projects and their website presents excellent examples

World Changing, GOOD, designactivism.net, TED for specifics.

Books: Social Work, The Design of Dissent, Graphic Agitation, Guerrilla Advertising, Citizen Designer, Do Good Design (Berman)...

Victor Papanek's "design for the real world" John Thackaras "Doors of perception" (newsletter, website, conferences)

world organisations icsid, icograda, beda, eidd etc. and their national members websites designboom, core 77, dexigner social design and social media sites

designactivism.net, [www.savingtheplanetinstyle.se](http://www.savingtheplanetinstyle.se). Design for Prosperity of example for conferences...

designactivism.net, Design as Politics by Tony Fry

AAA (eds.) (2007) Urban Act, Paris: AAA/PEPRAV Spatial Agency web database - <http://www.spatialagency.net/about/>

the work of Tony Fry on Defuturing and Sustainment and the magazine design philosophy papers the work of Roberto dos Santos Bartholo Jr. in Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (DESI network - Brazil), see Changing the Change Conference

Shove 2003 Comfort, Cleanliness and Convenience, Berg - Hielscher et al. 2008, The return of the beehives ..., Design Research Society conference

DesignFeast.com might be a good start. Core 77 has the occasional article.

DesignActivism.org, A variety of social / environmental sites also have content (aka - treehugger.com)

book by Alaister Fuad-Luke, <http://www.backspace.com/notes/>

URBAN/ACT: A handbook for alternative practice - Design Activism :Beautiful Strangeness for a Sustainable World. By Alastair Fuad-Luke

Fuad-Luke, A 2009, Design activism : beautiful strangeness for a sustainable world, Earthscan, London ; Sterling, VA. Sachs, W 1992, The Development dictionary : a guide to knowledge as power, Zed, London ; New Jersey.