

Spring & Summer 2023: mostly away from home & Climate-Urgency

12 August 2023, Amsterdam

Dear friends,

Our news since April, in order of importance:

1. Charlie successfully finished school
 2. I gave a monumental talk at RIPE86 meeting in Rotterdam
 3. I was away from home literally 50% of the time! (3 vacations & work trips – mostly by train, #NoFlying)
 0. >Burning World<: July was Earth's hottest month in at least 120,000 years ! Forest fires on Rhodos!
- And in August there was flooding in Slovenia + China, USA, Italy, Japan, India.. & tayphoons...

A bit of a longer and more chronological story:

* In April, I went to Split for work (via Aarau & Zagreb), and then I spent two weeks alone in Lika – with a short excursion to Umag with Zoki (via Karlovac). I was supposed to use Inter-Rail ticket to visit many friends in many cities, but I liked it in Lika so much that I just stayed.

* In May, I was in Rotterdam for the hackathon & RIPE meeting.

* In June, after giving courses in Zurich (where I met Anika!) & giving a talk at SWINOG in Bern, I went to Lika again – this time with Yo, who was already there. On the way back I saw Nikolina & Zdravko, again.

* in July, I was mostly home – we had guests; Arnd & me had a week vacation in Zell on Mossell river in Germany. At the beginning of August I was staying in Haarlem to cat-sit lovely kittens of Emile :) Also – this was the first year that the "kids" are grown-up & we are NOT having "family summer holiday"!

Other good news:

- Charlie worked hard on his final exams, and luckily finished them successfully! He got a diploma! He had several parties to celebrate this, and went to some festivals & small trips.
- we had many guests: Zoki & Nata, Patrice, Yo (in Lika), Zeljko & Urban, Mitch, Danijela & Ferenc. . .
- I applied for taking Dutch language tests, as part of naturalisation trajectory – and passed them with great grades!
- I was attending & speaking at many other events: EuroDIG, LIMITS, TBD, AMS, Pride, QueeringWikimedia, ...
- Alisa went on an another long inter-rail trip AND she enrolled in the university of her choice!
- I started with 2 new therapies: somatic experiencing & schema-therapy

We also had quite some sad news: many people died in this period :(

- Camiel's mother (Oma Willy) & Zoki's mother (Anica)
- Bracko (Milan Petrovic, my cousin in Zagreb: he was only 68!)
- Mr. Went – one of my oldest friends in Holland! He was 92 when he died...
- and many famous people too: Cormac McCarthy (writer of The Road, one of the most scary dystopian Climate Fiction books), Milan Kundera (one of the favourite writers of my adolescence, a dissident from Eastern Europe), Slavenka Drakulic (who I identified with so much: ex-yugoslav, feminist, in emigration), Sinead O'Connor (one of my youthful self's favourite singers – a rebel & an unusual feminist), Kevin Mitnick...
- it was also 5 year commemoration of Bogdan's death: <https://becha.home.xs4all.nl/bogdan/>

Very important in all this time was CLIMATE ACTIVISM – either through giving talks, writing articles, going to demonstrations, promoting events, having discussions on mailing lists... and here, it is illustrated with lots of memes! And some links: <https://ripe86.ripe.net/archives/video/1001/>

* <https://labs.ripe.net/author/becha/environmental-impact-of-internet-urgency-de-growth-rebellion/>

* https://wiki.techinc.nl/File:TBD_2023_Not_a_Camp_ecocide_SMALL.pdf & <https://a12blokkade.nl>

FUTURE PLANS

- next week, I will be going on another train trip: for 3 weeks in Croatia: coast, Zagreb (<http://odrast.hr/>), Lika.
- Charlie will take a gap year, travel & work
- Alisa will start PABO (teaching university)
- housing: Alisa to move out, to live alone (with a room-mate), charlie to move in in Osdorp
- in November, I will be going to Prague for IETF118 & to Rome to RIPE87
- many more events: <https://wiki.techinc.nl/User:Becha/events2023>

Please get back to me & let me know how you are doing!!

Big love,

Vesna

<https://social.v.st/web/@becha/>



my talk: [Urgency, DeGrowth, Rebellion article](#) & [video](#)



Charlie



Protest: eXtinction Rebellion, The Hague, 27th May 2023

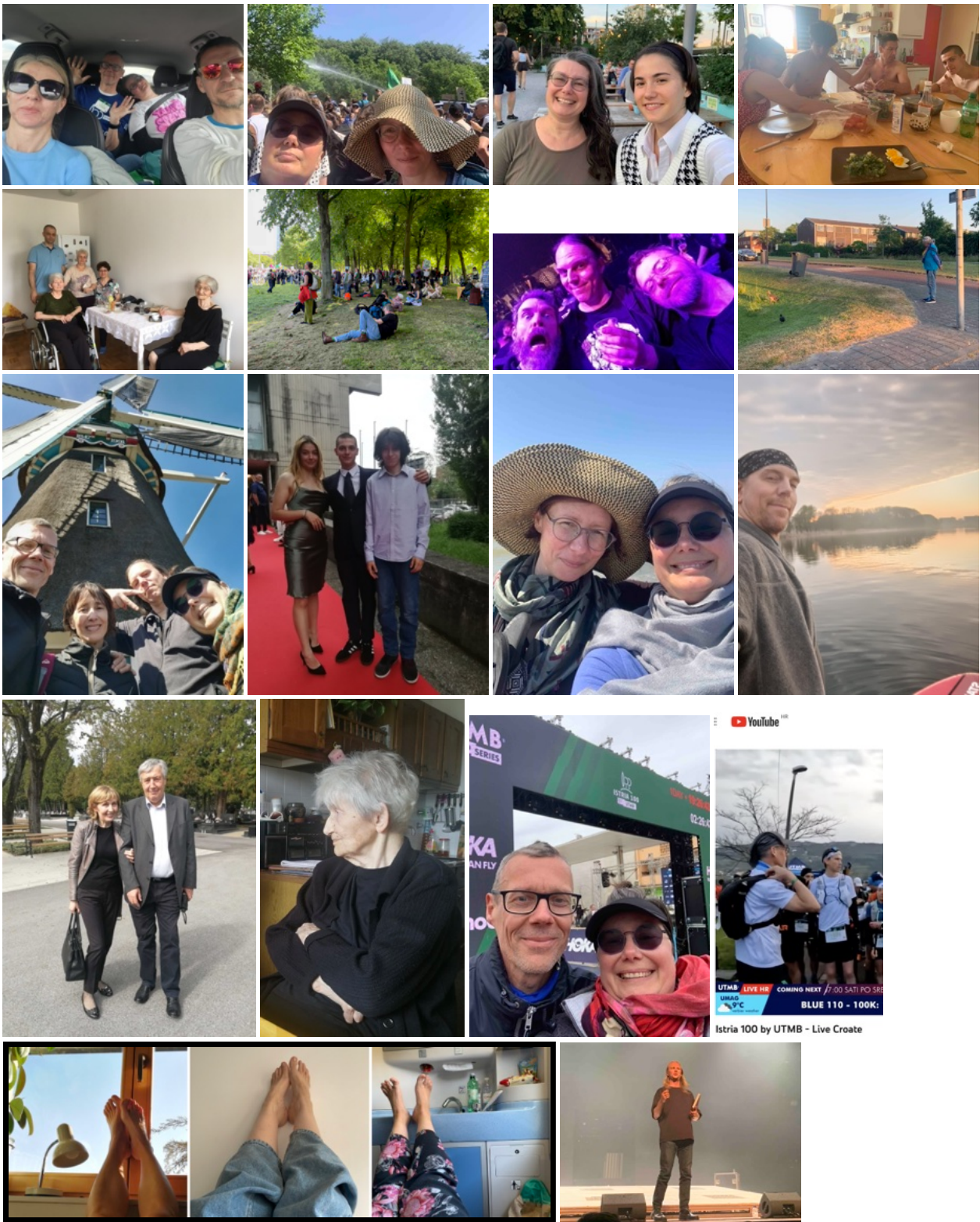


Alisa





Family & Friends





^^^ Hackathon & RIPE86 & colleagues in Rotterdam

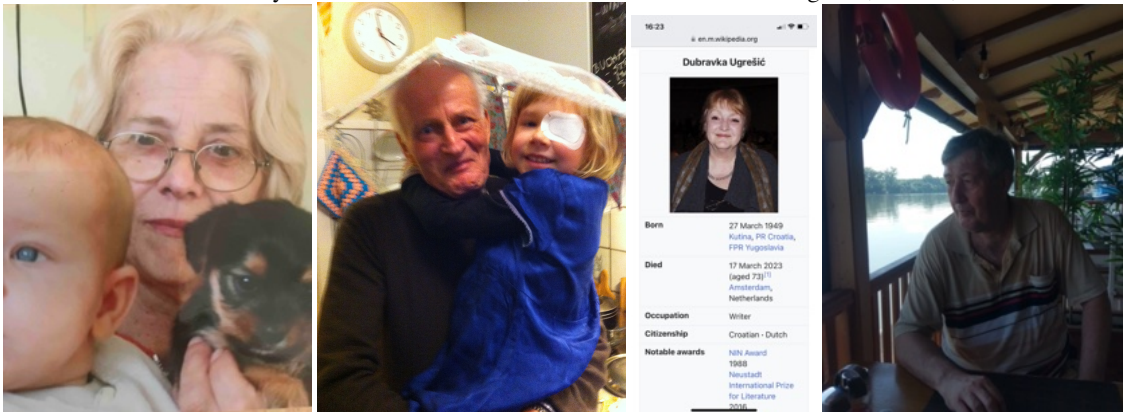
Funerals



Oma Willy

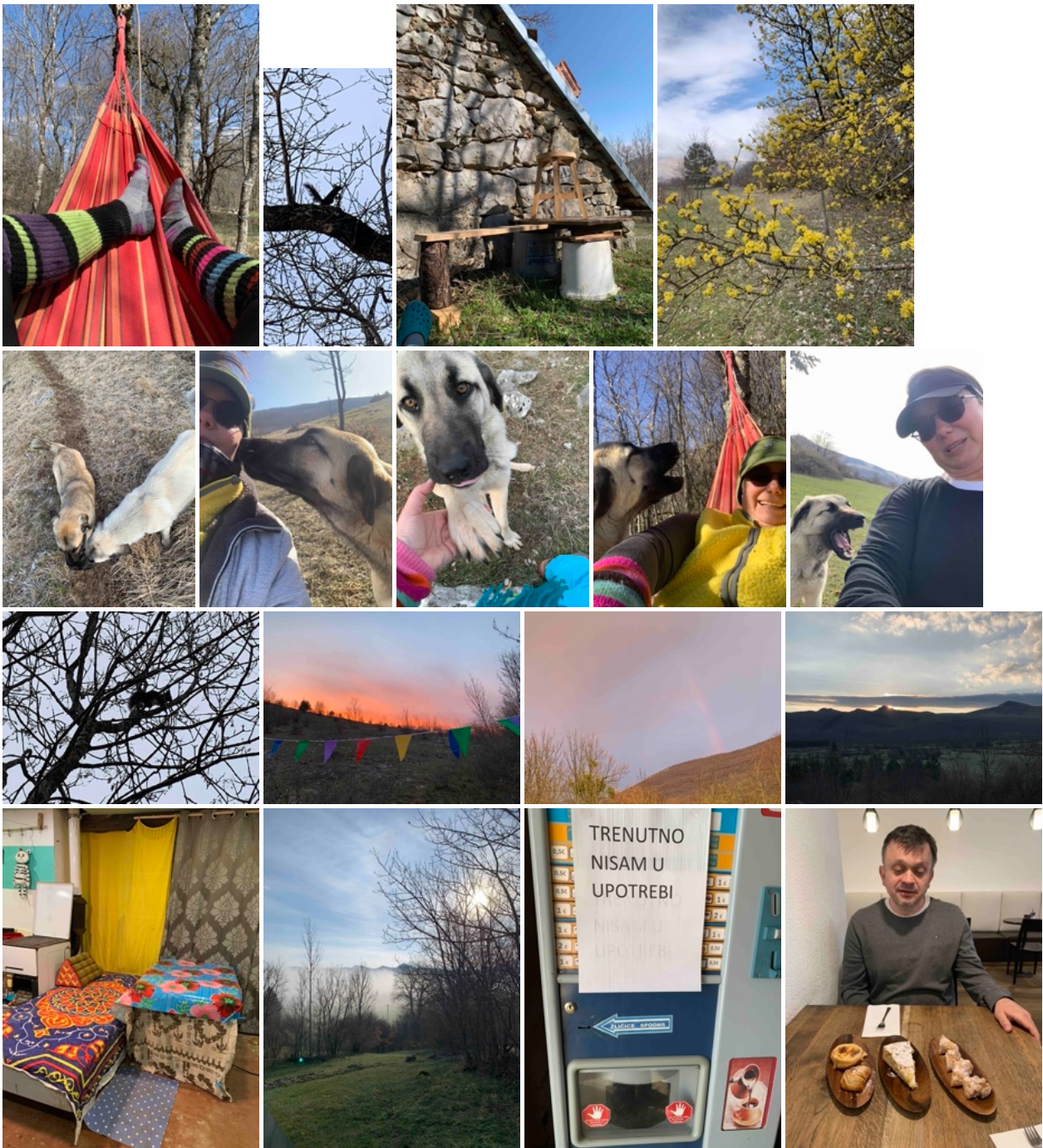
Mr Went;

Dubravka Ugresic, Bracko, Anica ^^^



Lika in April



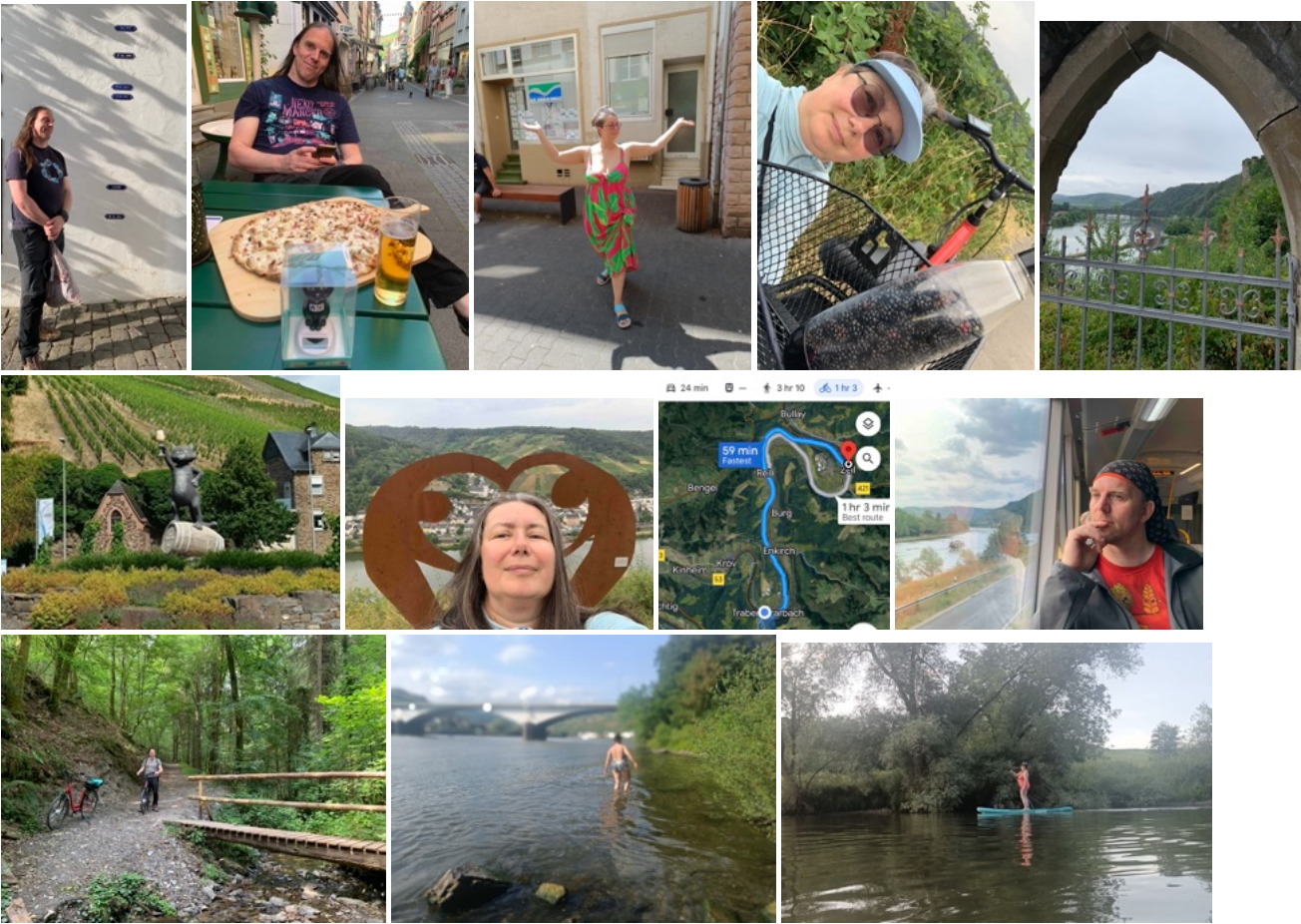


Lika in June/July

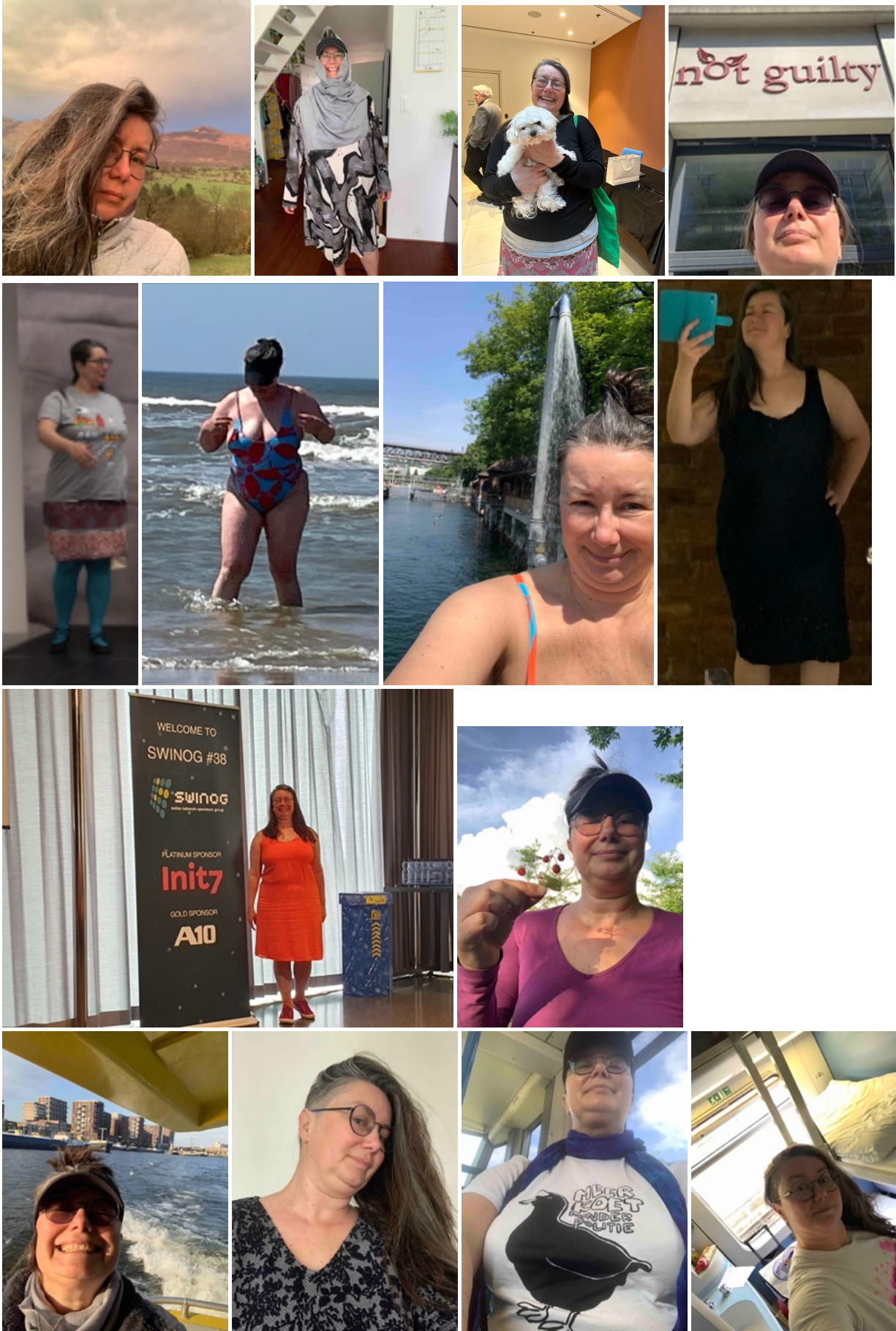




Zell



Me, Myself & I



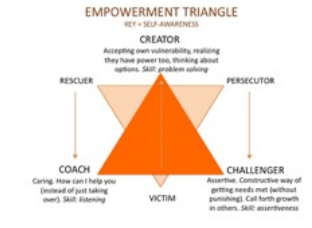
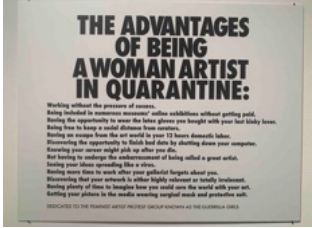
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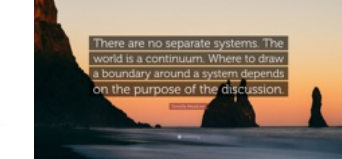
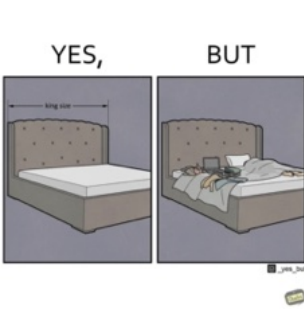
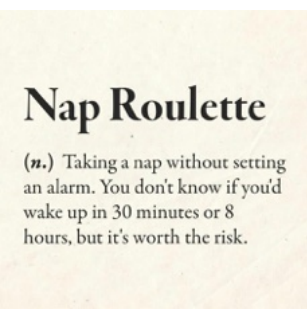
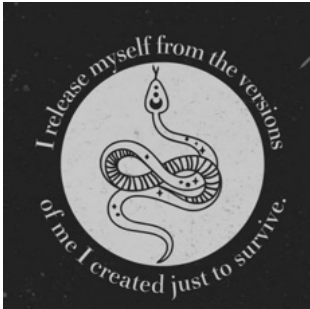


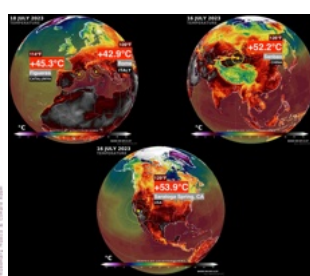
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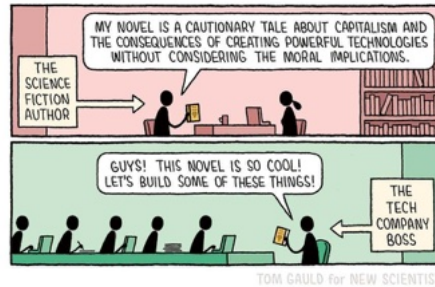
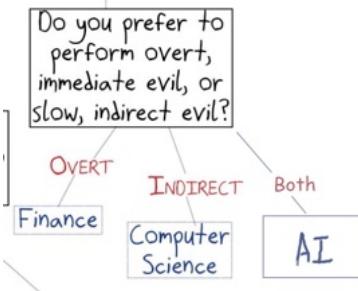
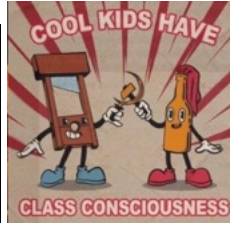
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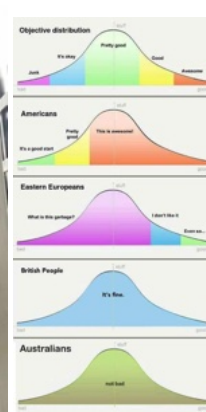
Somehow we ended up here



Actievoerders van Extinction Rebellion blokkeren de A12. Beeld Brunopress



^ ironic: tobacco company telling **you** to stop smoking - instead of **itself** stopping to sell you the deadly product, or we, as a society, stopping the profiteering on addictions...



<https://becha.unciv.nl>