

Talk to the Land

The practice of Commoning and Real Montage in the work of the Partisan Social Club.

Andy Hewitt and Mel Jordan (Partisan Social Club) in conversation with art historian Christa-Maria Lerm Hayes to reflect upon their recent exhibition, entitled Talk to the Land at SIRIUS.

Partisan Social Club

SIRIUS, Cobh, County Cork

Talk to the Land exhibition 30 October 2022 – 18 February 2023

<http://partisansocialclub.com/>

<http://www.siriusartscentre.ie/visual-art/sirius-partisan-social-club>



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WILLIAM THOMPSON

(1775-1833)

Pioneer Socialist

RICHARD PANKHURST

*"neglected Thompson, whose attainment towers
beyond the reach of critics' feebleness ..."*
John Minter Morgan

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WILLIAM THOMPSON, 1775-1833

William Thompson lived in Thompson House, an an estate of about 1,000 acres.

He wrote five major works -

- 1. Book of Conditions in the South of Ireland, 1816.
- 2. The Moralization of Wealth.
- 3. An Appeal of One Half the Human Race (the Women's Rights).
- 4. Labour Remuneration.
- 5. Practical Instructions for the Bettering of the Condition.

Dr Garthaganiff has planned a path to his tomb.

This monument was a forerunner of the co-operatives of today.

Thompson was a champion of the working classes.

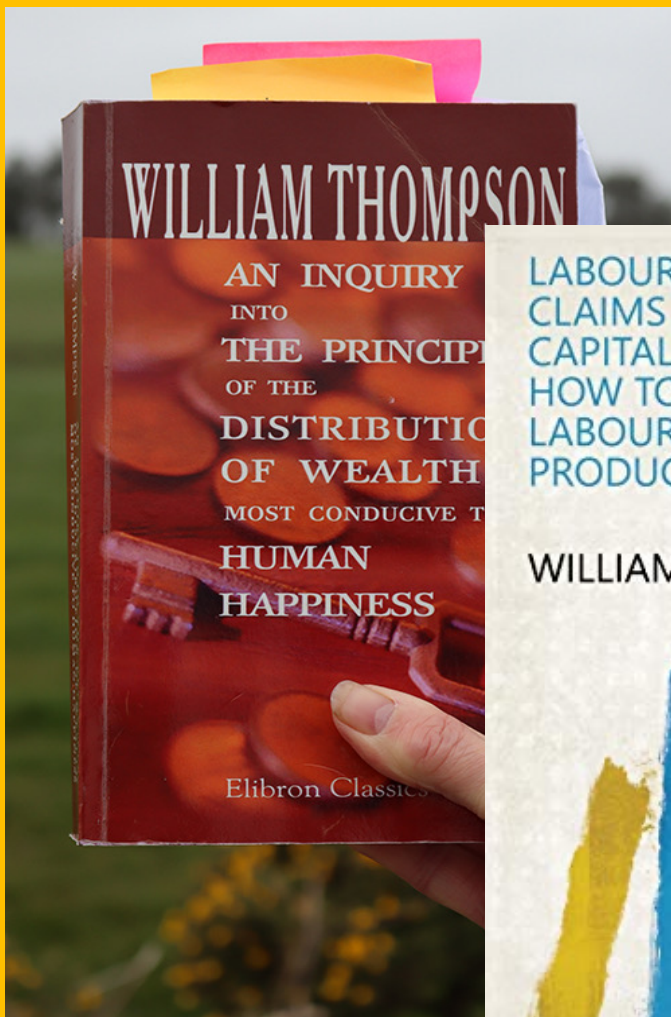
James O'Connell approved his election as the Cork Member for Catholic Emancipation.

Robert M'Clintock's work while writing "The Republic".

James Callaghan described Thompson as "The First Irish Socialist."

Reconstructed by Drinagh Co. Co.

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LABOUR REWARDED. THE CLAIMS OF LABOUR AND CAPITAL CONCILIATED; OR, HOW TO SECURE TO LABOUR THE WHOLE PRODUCT OF ITS EXERTION

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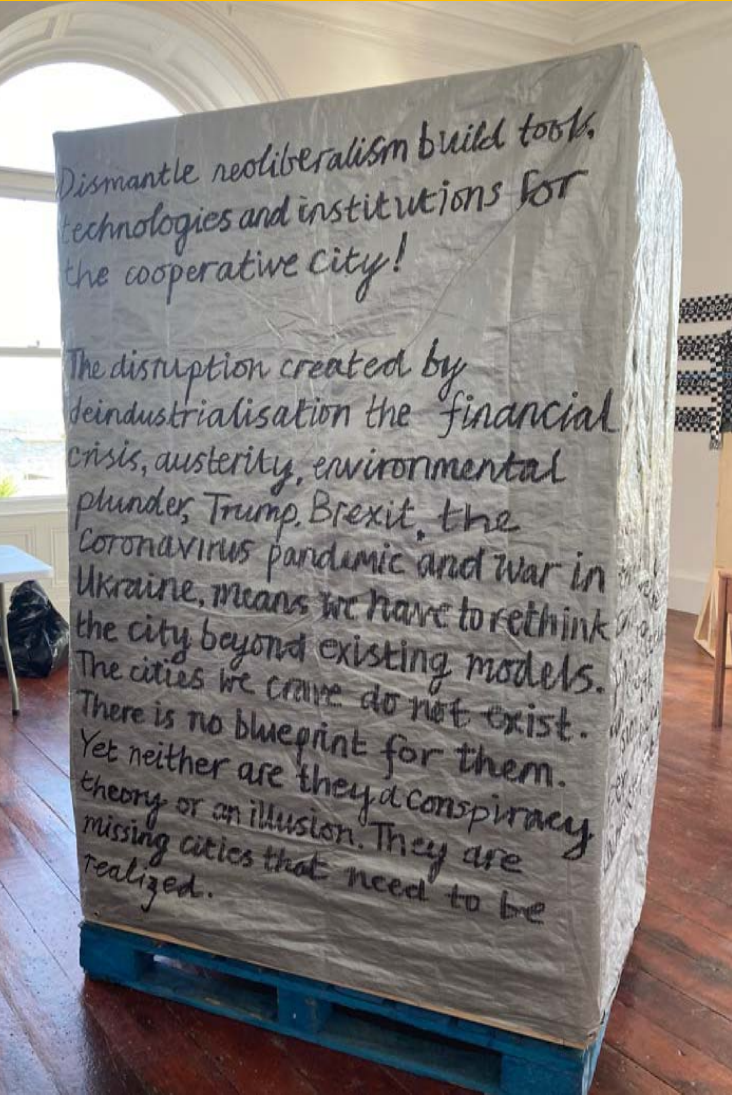


William Thompson with Anna Wheeler

From *Appeal of One Half the Human Race, Women, against the Pretensions of the Other Half, Men, To Retain Them in Political, and Thence in Civil and Domestic, Slavery* (1825)

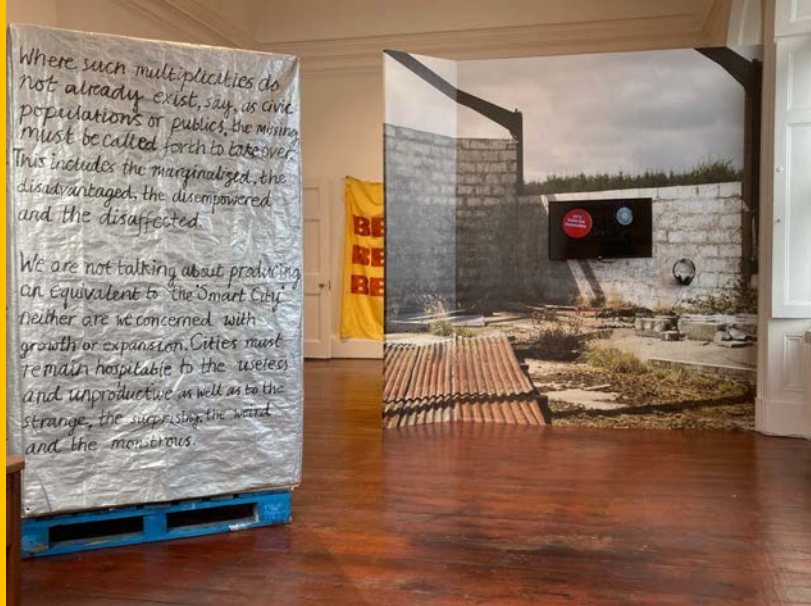
By way of distinguishing and honoring this class of the proscribed half of the human race, man condescends to enter into what he calls a *contract* with certain women, for certain purposes, the most important of which is, the producing and rearing of children to maturity. Each man yokes a woman to his establishment, and calls it a *contract*. Audacious falsehood! A contract! where are any of the attributes of contracts, of equal and just contracts, to be found in this transaction? A contract implies the voluntary assent of both the contracting parties. Can even both the parties, man and woman, by agreement alter the terms, as to *indissolubility* and *inequality*, of this pretended contract? No. Can any individual man divest himself, were he even so inclined, of his power of despotic control? He cannot. Have women been consulted as to the terms of this pretended contract? A contract, all of whose enjoyments – wherever nature has not imposed a physical bar on the depravity of selfishness – are on one side, while all of its pains and privations are on the other! A contract, giving all power, arbitrary will and unbridled enjoyment to the one side; to the other, unqualified obedience, and enjoyments meted out or withheld at the caprice of the ruling and enjoying party. Such a contract, as the owners of *slaves* in the West Indies and every other slave-polluted soil, enter into with their slaves – the law of the stronger imposed on the weaker, *in contempt* of the interests and wishes of the weaker. As little as slaves have had to do in any part of the world in the enacting of slave-codes, have women in any part of the world had to do with the partial codes of selfishness and ignorance, which every where dispose of their right over their own actions and all their other enjoyments, in favor of

Practical Directions



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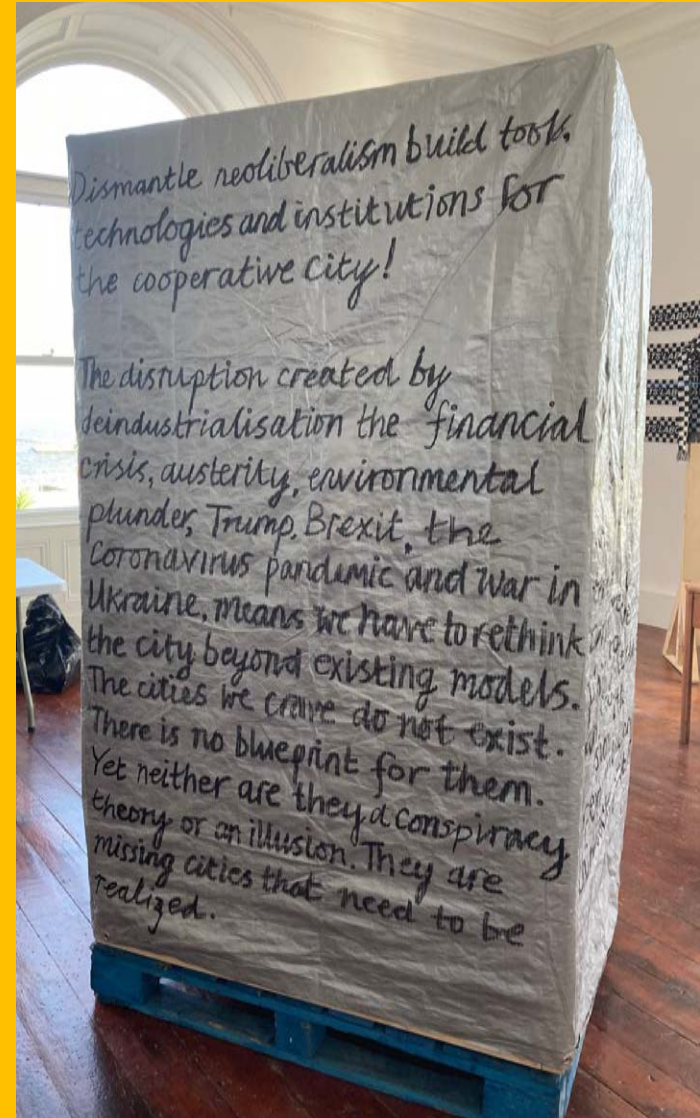
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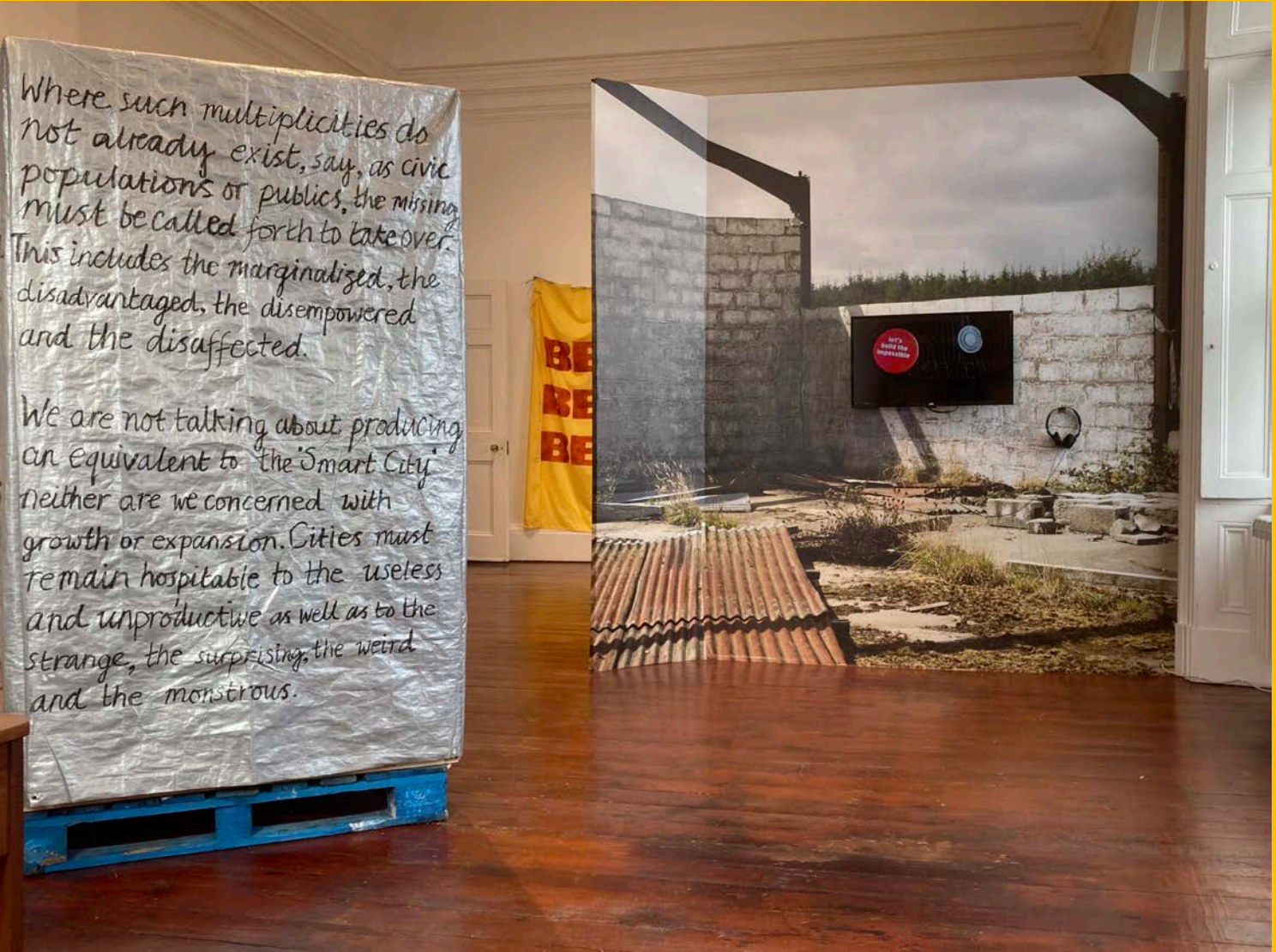
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PRIVATIZATION FAILED

Amnesia

I Am made of Memories

What are we going to do with the rich?

NO LANDLORDS! NO RENT

ALL HOUSING IS SOCIAL

THERE IS NO HOUSING CRISIS ONLY THE MONOPOLY OF

HOUSES NOT PROPERTY

LOVE AND ANGER

START RIOTS - NOT DIETS

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A CABARET OF POLITICIANS



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