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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT TO ADDRESS UNDER-UTILISED BUILDINGS AND HEALTH CONCERNS

Bringing underused buildings back into everyday life

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NON TOX DAY
NON TOX TALK
NON TOX POP UP



Non Tox Hub - Institute for Culture, Research,
Development and Spatial Health.

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New Eu Bauhaus Partner
New Eu Bauhaus Advisor



CEO and founder of Non Tox Uni Kum and
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Architect
Specialisation in Sustainable Building And
Healthy Materials at Parsons school of
design, The New School, NY
Rural Pact Member
Mom of three



Healthy materials Lab Eu associate



PARSONS
THE NEW SCHOOL



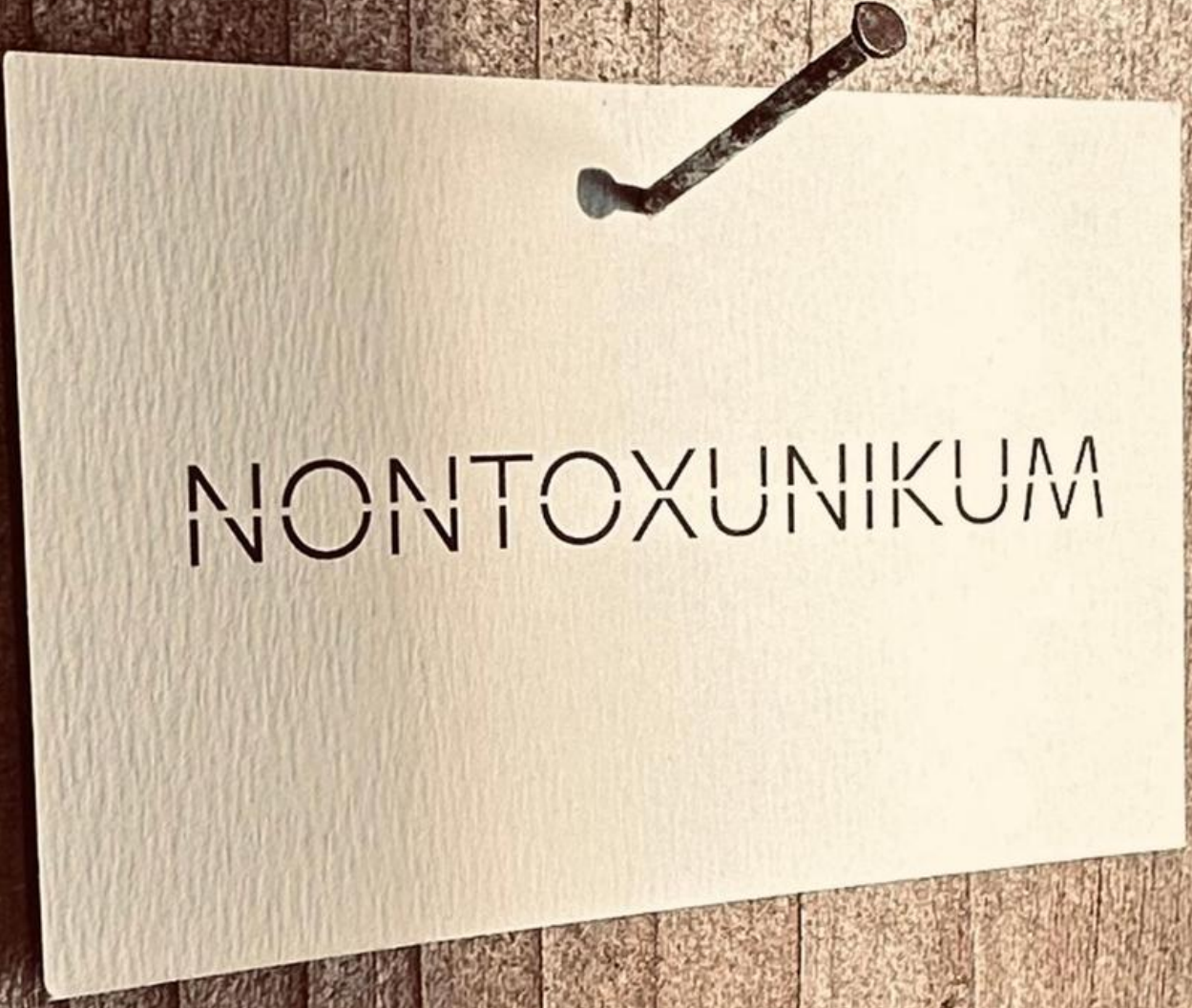
TRBOVLJE

Zasavje, Slovenia
An industrial town moving towards a Non Tox future



THE PROBLEM

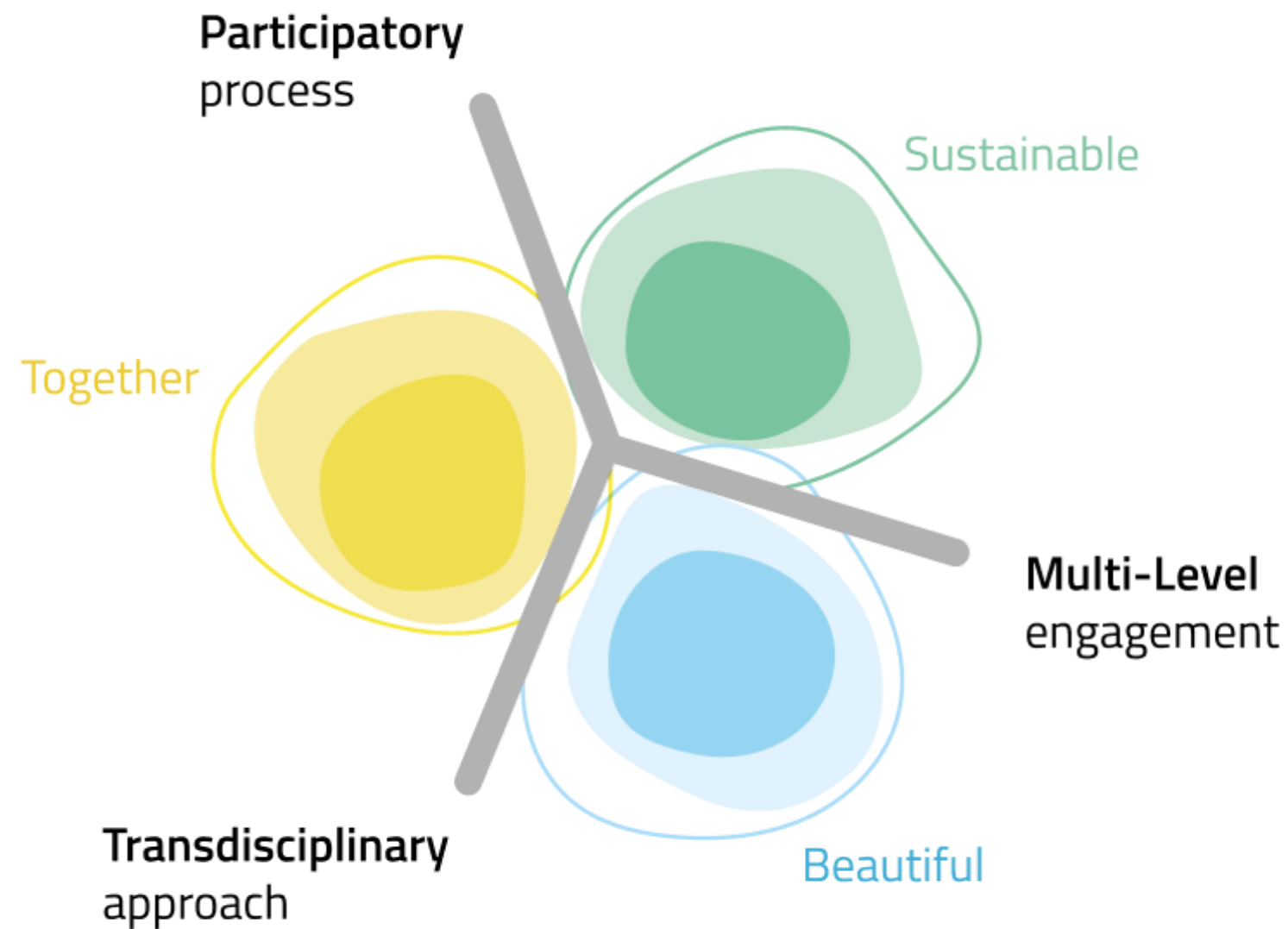
Toxic exists.
Hidden in layers we couldn't imagine.



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FILL THE GAP

Translate → Educate → Apply → Test



Reuse existing resources

Consider how a place feels

Let people shape its use

NEW EUROPEAN BAUHAUS

Sustainability, beauty and togetherness



HEALTHY PUBLIC LIVING ROOM

**A former abandoned store
returned to public use in a healthier way**



HEALTH IN MATERIAL CHOICES

Careful reuse and renovation



PEOPLE SHAPE THE PLACE

A contribution people can recognise



A PLACE TO MEET AND TAKE PART

Everyday encounters and belonging



These barns served largely self-sufficient farms.

Farming has changed.
Many now stand empty.

UNDERUSED RURAL BUILDINGS

The former use will never return



A barn could give people
room to meet and share skills.

It might also host small
local activities.

A NEW LIFE FOR RURAL BUILDINGS

A future shaped with local people

LOCAL ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Repair work for local trades

Vernacular knowledge shared

Space for small activities

A reason to visit and return

Possible rural benefits

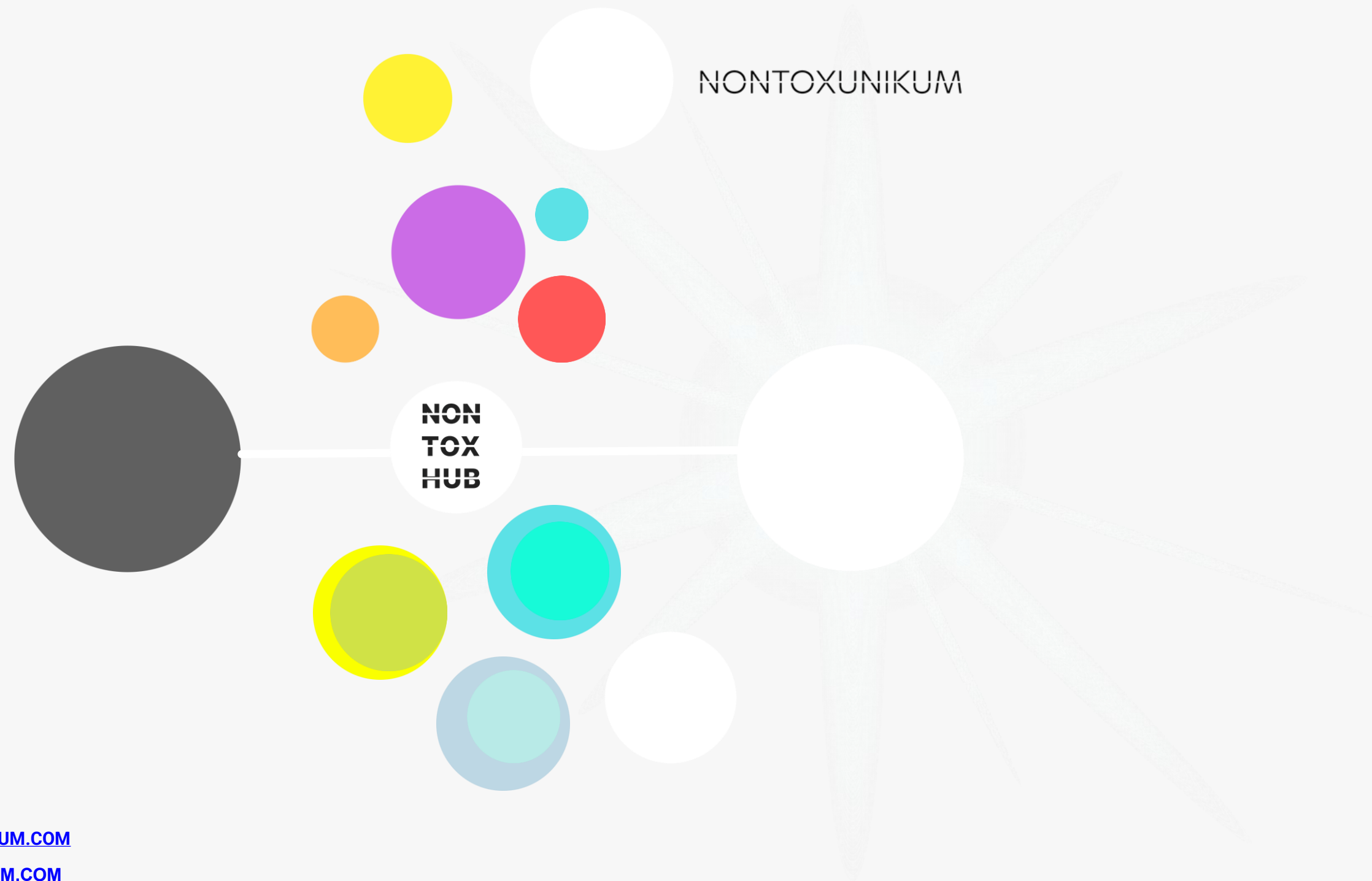




THE CLOSING

Health should be at the table.

Let's Build Differently. Together.



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