



## 21. öldin verður Öld almennings

Þann 27. september 2010 stóð hreyfingin sem runnin er undan rifjum ítalska skemmtikraftsins Beppe Grillo fyrir tónlistarhátíð með pólitísku ívafi undir nafninu Woodstock 5 stelle. Á vef New York Times er að finna stutt myndband um Beppe Grillo og hans pólitík: [The Comic Who Shook Italy](#)

Markmiðið með viðburðinum, sem fram fór í Cesena, var að berjast gegn spillingu á Ítalíu og koma á lýðræðisumbótum. Fram hefur komið að um 80 þúsund manns hafi sótt hátíðina. Birgittu Jónsdóttur var boðið að taka þátt í viðburðinum með ræðuhöldum sem hún og gerði. Ræðan fer hér á eftir. Hún er einnig aðgengileg á [youtube](#):

Þá var haldinn [blaðamannafundur](#) í ítalska þinginu þar sem Birgitta fjallaði um IMMI verkefnið, það er að Ísland skapi sér afgerandi lagalega sérstöðu varðandi verndun tjáningar- og upplýsingafrelsi.

### Ræða Birgittu Jónsdóttur á Woodstock 5 stelle

I have seen signs  
the end of the world  
as we know it  
has begun  
Don't panic  
it might look terrifying  
on the surface  
but inside every  
human being  
a choice  
to go under  
or act  
    Earth is calling  
    Sky is calling  
    God is calling  
    Creation is calling  
wake up, wake up now  
Generate the capacity for love  
for compassion in your heart  
Now is the time  
to yield to the call of growth  
to the call of action  
you are the change makers

sleepers of all ages  
wake up  
wake up now

## **The 21<sup>st</sup> century will be the century of the common people – the century of YOU of US**

The ideologies of the old school of politics, media, monetary systems, corporations, and all known structures are in a state of transformation. They are crumbling. Now is the time for fundamental change on all levels, we have to seize this moment. Because this is THE moment.

It is rare that generations and so many individuals get such an opportunity to transform the world as we know it. The big question is how do we transform it? Lets start by turning the pyramid of power upside down.

It is obvious that we are running out of planet, many people have lost the vital connection to our environment, most of humanity doesn't comprehend cause and effect of lack of sustainability anymore and many of us feel lost, displaced and lonely. All the structures we thought would take care of us, be it systems, ideologies, religion, politics or institutions are failing. Big time!

To follow my intuition as a politician makes a lot more sense to me then the rivalry and manipulations of left or right ideology. The right and wrong ideology of the old world has simply outgrown itself. No longer do we have strong parliaments with a direct link between the general public and decision maker. We have so called professional politicians that are far removed from the reality most of us live in.

Parties and politicians are often in an unhealthy marriage with corporations and corruption is thriving in the political arena all over the world. Many governments and politicians talk about transparency yet the process of politics and laws is shredded in secrecy.

When everything collapsed in Iceland in 2008 I sensed that within this crises was to be found an incredible opportunity for change. Because of that I helped create a political movement February 2009. Its chief agenda was to bring forth democratic reform, such as people being able to call for national referendum and sever the ties between corporations and politics. In order for profound change to be possible those of us inside parliament have to behave like activists by changing the traditions and revealing the unwritten rules of power.

We are creating a haven for freedom of information in Iceland. Information will set you free and thus it should be free to access by everyone. We went on a quest to find all the best possible laws from around the world that ensure freedom of expression, information and speech. By basing our laws on legislation that has already proven to be strong enough to withstand attacks from those that want us to live in a world with less flow of information about the darker side of politics, international corporations, war and oppression.

Information doesn't have any borders any more. We live in a world where the super powers want to put global censorship laws on the Internet. We have to be a step ahead of them. I joined forces with Wikileaks because I feel it is so incredible important that there are places in our world where whistleblowers and sources can feel safe to drop important documents that governments and corporations want to hide from us.

Immi will make it possible for investigative journalists from around the world publish their stories if they are under threat to be placed under gag orders in their own countries, everyone should have free access to information, in our world there should be no gag orders, no prior restriction. Immi will provide a shield against that.

We should have a haven for those that are willing to risk their lives to blog or write news about things in their own world, even if we might not be able to save them from the risk they take, we could at least make sure that their stories will not be taken down from the internet, no matter what.

My hope is that immi will transform into the International modern media initiative, because everyday the freedoms we want to protect with it are eroding at an alarming rate. Here in Italy you are witnessing the end of the freedom of media with a new set of laws called legge bavaglio. There is no copyright on immi. Use it now, without freedom of information, you don't really have democracy but dictatorship with many heads.

The 21<sup>st</sup> century will be the age of us, the common people, where we will understand that in order to live in the reality we dream of, we have to participate and help co-create that reality. I strongly encourage you to join this incredible Movement Beppe Grillo has co-created, run for office, be part of this opportunity of change. If I could become an mp in the Icelandic parliament, anyone can become a member of parliament.

Here is our first task: If there is something we have to make sure stays under the guardianship of nations not corporations then it is the following, water companies, energy companies, social welfare, education and health systems.

We have made everything so complex and grand, perhaps it is time to return to more simple ways, more self sustainable ways, we can do that by learning from each other, by helping each other locally and globally and by remembering that we as individuals can change the world, and now is the time to step forward – take on that challenge and be the change maker. Don't expect others to do it, your time has arrived to make a difference!

A year and a half ago, I was temporary unemployed, single parent with the simple goal of figuring out how I as an individual could help create a sustainable future for the next generations. Needless to say: no one really believed I could be where I am today. Yet it is not a Cinderella story but a story I co-created with my society.

Most people have seen that left and right politics doesn't have any meaning anymore. To create political movement based on common agenda of pressing issues of basic human rights and democratic reform is so important right now.

In order for the common people like us to co-create our society we have to have the democratic tools to do that. People need to get into parliaments to change the laws so we all can have the power that is rightfully ours, to impact our society and apply real pressure on those in power to work for us, not the elite.

My political movements chief aim has been to inspire ordinary people to take on political responsibilities. We don't want people with political training, we don't want professional politicians and we above everything else don't want to be a political party. And remember no

matter what they will tell you: power corrupts and disconnects people from the reality other citizens live in.

We created the Movement 8 weeks before elections, we had no money, and no one knew us, yet we got more than 7% of the vote at the general elections in 2009. I hope to see the same sort of numbers for your Movement in the 2010 elections.

One of the reasons why it is so important for groups to get representatives into places of power, is that it is a lot easier to get media attention on your causes, and it is handy to be able to confront or talk with ministers and other mps about important issues without delay.

When I was working as an activist one of the hardest challenges was to get the attention from both the media and the people in power to the cause, getting some changes implemented was nearly impossible. Now that I am getting a better understanding on how things work within the legislative body I have much better chance to help other activists and the general public to get attention and even legislative changes and resolutions on issues they are concerned about.

What might seem impossible now might be quite possible tomorrow because we are experiencing very rapid changes on all levels. So I encourage you to start to make the blueprint for the future you want to live in, to be passionate about your cause and to believe that everything is possible, today failings might turn into tomorrows successes.

But the most important part is if you have a chance to work within the belly of the beast to not become like them but to listen to your heart, to listen to your intuition and to be impeccable with your word. And finally not care at all if you loose that place of power.

Thank you all the people of the Movement in Italy – I know I am experiencing a truly historical moment here today. Thank you all who dare to be part of this massive movement of transformation of politics.