

To render a generation 'lost', yet expect them to build the future burdened with the debt of your excess, is the very definition of absurd and a most vivid indication of the crisis of inequity and myopia characterizing the governing ideology of our times.

Basil

'The Lost Generation'! I just hope that this stigma, even if only linguistic, doesn't follow us the rest of our life. It makes it sound as if every single young person had wasted their time during the long recession. It's totally the opposite. We have learned to constantly re-invent ourselves and in doing so, we have become incredibly cunning!

Paula

It's not just a matter of finding or not finding a job, if you're lucky enough to have one, you have to stick to it no matter whether you like it or not. The days when you had the right to choose where you wanted to work—have long gone.

Pablo

The crisis can bring you so distant from your ambitions that you start to forget your motivations for what were once your priorities and interests. You feel disappointed, discouraged, angry and lost.

Annarita

The government cuts which are turning more people away from the arts, have perversely fuelled my creativity. Now when I write, there's an element of confronting an establishment who have left me feeling frustrated and marginalized.

Dominic

Unpaid internships, huge competition, lack of stable and secure work. This is the situation that recent graduates have to face nowadays. But how can a young person, at the beginning of their career, earn work experience in their field under these circumstances and afford the cost of living in London?

Ilektra

Anger, disappointment, depression. The crisis is frightening, and we are forced to deal with unemployment, even before we finish our studies. Then there are those who had to leave their own country for a better future, but with no certainties.

Valentina

I know that nothing is guaranteed, however the idea of success that universities put forth in order to attract students is far from what the reality of the situation was/is.

Radi

I oddly still have hope, not that I trust the economy but myself!

Dilara

It feels as if tomorrow is a house floating on a river, it feels as if nothing could stop the movement nor control the pressure. Nothing is predictable. Dark and scary, I wish I could wake up without fears?

Azadeh

Graduating from university in the pit of the recession was never going to be easy, but with the collapse of Lehman Brothers, I had already managed my expectations! That student optimism and sense of invincibility has basically been replaced by menial, unfulfilling jobs, and a collective sense of disappointment and being left behind in a city that is becoming more and more unaffordable.

Dimitri

The crisis turned out to be a personal one. Nothing is taken for granted any more. It changed my perception towards life. Sounds bizarre, but the crisis in a way made me more optimistic. I believe that things will and can change. I believe that the world is waiting for a revolution and it will come one day.

Marita

I feel this crisis is an opportunity to rethink the way we live, to go back to a more simple life, less materialistic and more focused on what makes us feel happier and satisfied.

Simon

I am an Italian photographer, have been living in London since 2006. My dream has always been to make a living out of my passion, until now that I realize 'passion', no matter what, is a luxury nobody can afford anymore!

Alessia

keep hoping, keep believing.

Max