



SUPPORT FOR MEDIA PRODUCTION: CONTINUATION

REINVENTING POST-INDUSTRIAL CITIES

Large factory cities in the soviet era have today lost their former bustle and industrial functions and, as a result, the unique role of cities in the context of sustainable development.

“CHARENTSAVAN WAS A GROWING CITY, NEW FACTORIES WERE OPENING, AS I GREW UP THE CITY WAS ALSO GROWING”

One of the materials describing the former urban image and the current situation is the “Reinventing Post-Industrial Towns” long read about the towns of Abovyan, Metsamor,

Charentsavan and Hrazdan. Through interviews, the author discovers the stories of post-industrial towns, their cultural and scientific heritage and human stories. The interlocutors and heroes also present, as alternative development options, their vision of the development of these towns. All four of these post-Soviet towns suffered practically the same fate: abandoned and dilapidated factories, inactive production zones, unkempt public spaces, unemployment, and economic emigration. However, apart from the commonalities, each of these towns has a unique historical and cultural heritage, local memory and development opportunities, with the right combination of which it is possible to instill a new breath and life to these towns.

GALLERY TEXTILE

Tigran Paskevichyan's "**Gallery Textile**" long read is about the Textile Factory of Gyumri, one of the factory cities of the Soviet era. Through archival photos, videos, articles, and stories, the author tried to present the entire history of the plant, the devastating 1988 earthquake, and everything that remained after the collapse.

"PARADISE WAS OUR TEXTILE, SIMPLY PARADISE"

The main characters of the story are three elderly women living in the textile dormitory, who have spent their youth, and even old age, within the four walls of the factory.

By scrolling up and down, the reader-viewer is able to appear in these Soviet industrial cities and, by perceiving the image and the text, involuntarily becomes the knowledge-bearer of the local memory and, perhaps, even the disseminator.