Arts, culture, and a just and sustainable future

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What are the dimensions of climate change that are “cultural” in nature?

How can art and artists contribute to creating a more just and sustainable future?
“Can Art Change How We Think About Climate Change?”

https://www.giarts.org/article/can-art-change-how-we-think-about-climate-change
We are literally in a race against time

U.S. Climate Report Warns of Damaged Environment and Shrinking Economy
15 M “super-environmentalists” don’t vote
People are more worried, less hopeful.

*Graph showing percentage trends for "Very" or "Somewhat" Worried and "Very" or "Moderately" Hopeful.*

Yale Program on Climate Change Communication
"We live in capitalism. Its power seems inescapable. So did the divine right of kings. Any human power can be resisted and changed by human beings"

Ursula Le Guin
Two ways culture can “work”

1. Healing
2. Imagination
“Providing access to the tools of reframing community narrative and healing through stories is a creative and collaborative way to radically manifest the future we want.”

Clear Creek Creative
“It's like cultural time travel...we can create a sense of longing...and transform that desire into the collective action to bring it from the virtual to the real.”
Farther, Faster, Together: How Arts and Culture can Accelerate Environmental Progress, ArtPlace (2018)  
http://heliconcollab.net/our_work/farther-faster-together/

http://uswateralliance.org/sites/uswateralliance.org/files/publications/uswa_artsculture_FINAL_PAGES_RGB_0.PDF