

# Newsland: *Megacities; are they a threat to sustainability?*

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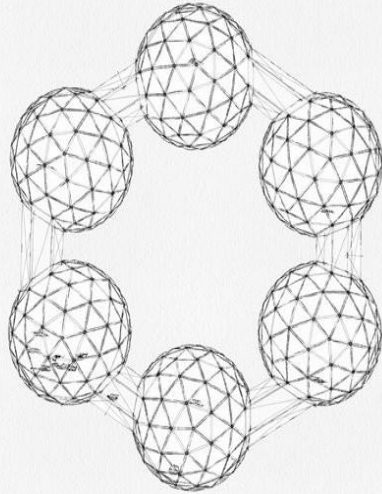


This is an installation made up of five domes by a British artist: Michael Pinsky.

Within each dome the air quality of five global cities is recreated. Starting from the hosting city, the visitor will pass through polluted cells, from dry and cold locations to hot and humid.

*Starting with the ultra-clean air of Tautra in Norway, you'll continue through London and the astonishing smog and pollution of New Delhi, Beijing Sao Paolo.*

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**Portland's Pollution Pods.**

**The release of toxic gases increases the rate of global warming and have a direct effect on our present day health.**

**It is estimated that the average Londoner, exposed to the current levels of pollution loses up to 16 months of their life, while for a resident of New Delhi, pollution could cut short the life of a resident by around 4 years.**

**This artwork has been exposed in London, Portland, Los Angeles, Paris, Chengdu (China) and in many other big cities.**

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*London's Pollution Pods from the inside.*



*Greta Thunberg visits Michael Pinsky's (left) Pollution Pods at the 74th United Nations General Assembly in partnership with the World Health Organization*

The artwork *Pollution Pods* is part of the *Climart* project, it is a research program that explores the ways art can change people's perception of climate change. Michael Pinsky thinks that his work engages with the challenge of "representing the invisible".

The conception of *Pollution Pods* is part of a scientific work studying the type of reaction that climate art can bring about in audiences, thinking specifically about the extent to which artworks lead people not only to reflect on the reality of their daily lives, but also to alter their behaviors.

In this installation you feel, taste and smell the environments that are the norm for a huge part of the world's population. Perhaps walking through this installation will make people think again before we buy something else they don't really need.