

# Alex Steffen

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*People, Cities, Energy, Thinking, Home, Climate, Opposites, Political, Decision,  
Powerful, Creating, Technology, Practice, Creativity, Something Better, Race,  
Jobs, Garbage, Hair, Earth*

Copenhagen has done a remarkable job creating streets that are focused on bicycles and pedestrians.

~Alex Steffen

I think there's a gigantic generation gap in terms of how people understand the Internet and how much they think technology is an important factor in social change.

~Alex Steffen

Optimism is a political act. Those who benefit from the status quo are perfectly happy for us to think nothing is going to get any better. In fact, these days, cynicism is obedience.

~Alex Steffen

Urban retrofitting: creating different sorts of spaces and uses out of places that are already there.

~Alex Steffen

If mass media, social isolation in the suburbs, alienating workplaces and long car commutes create a bunker mentality, the Internet does the opposite.

~Alex Steffen

At its very heart, Worldchanging is about using the best of people's new ideas, bringing them together and applying them to the massive problems that we all face.

~Alex Steffen

Saying the Tech Bloom is not commercially driven is like saying Mother Teresa had an interest in the poor.

~Alex Steffen

Cabbies in particular seem to like discussing the fate the Earth.

~Alex Steffen

In almost all city governments in America, the small group of people who don't want change are able to block change.

~Alex Steffen

By looking at climate change as a clean energy generation problem, we're setting ourselves up not to solve it.

~Alex Steffen

Powerful people doing bad things LIKE cynical, despairing citizens.

~Alex Steffen

Carbon zero simply means that the emissions you are releasing either are zero or balance out to zero.

~Alex Steffen

There is no such thing as garbage, just useful stuff in the wrong place.

~Alex Steffen

It's not just enough to survive. We've got to make something better than what we've got.

~Alex Steffen

The denser places get, the lower the amount of energy people use to get around it.

~Alex Steffen

We have to craft new political realities, not only in places like India, Afghanistan, Kenya, Pakistan, but here at home as well. Another world is possible.

~Alex Steffen

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