

## **Project Statement**

**This project presents a completely new concept.**

The current pandemic and the way that it has impacted our lives has forced us to reassess our values and the importance of relationships, and in the solitude of lockdown the latter has acquired a more poignant meaning.

This is not a bridge, neither a sculpture, this work is aligned with the competition's spirit in providing the opportunity to whoever is willing to take the "leap", of a one in a lifetime experience to have and encounter with a loved one or someone unknown in mid-air, an experience detached from time and space, a private moment viewable by multitudes, a journey that will forever mark the lives of whoever takes it.

I propose to create two towers located in diagonally opposed corners of the imaginary rectangle formed by the two defined areas for the project, from each of these towers, there will be bridge like structures that will project themselves like arms trying to reach the other tower. These structures will meet in mid-air over the river, but will not touch, they will only be close enough for people on each of the structures to touch each-others hands. Once they have done that, they will be able to meet downstairs.

There will be an underground tunnel that will communicate both areas, the towers and the structures will be lightened colourfully, and the towers will host businesses, that will provide services to visitors, like coffee shops, souvenirs, lecture hall, shops, etc. Each tower will have a high viewpoint.

The proposed piece besides being a feat of public art, sculpture, architecture and engineering, more than anything is a monument to the importance of human relationships, because all the fabulous structure will have the exclusive purpose that two people could meet.

The bridge like structures will be stabilized by the use of truss structures and cables, the tunnel will be transitable by foot or by electric rail transportation for easy communication between both areas. The tunnel will also have services and businesses. The two towers will be covered with solar panels which will provide energy to the lighting of the whole area.

The design of the bridge like structures will allow meetings with loved ones or with people who they have never met and who they might not see ever again, although the encounter will remain forever sealed in their memories.