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Despite post-war reconstruction, Monrovia is an insecure, uncertain city. Many people are „hustling“, an emic term for insecure income-generating activities. „Hustlers“ are often part of associations. Associations strengthen identities, and form social relationships and solidarities. They fill the gap of war-affected social relationships, and contribute to social security, solidarity and integrate the marginalized. This article shows how social imaginaries serve as motor of change, and how associational life shapes social spaces as islands of certainty amidst uncertainty.

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