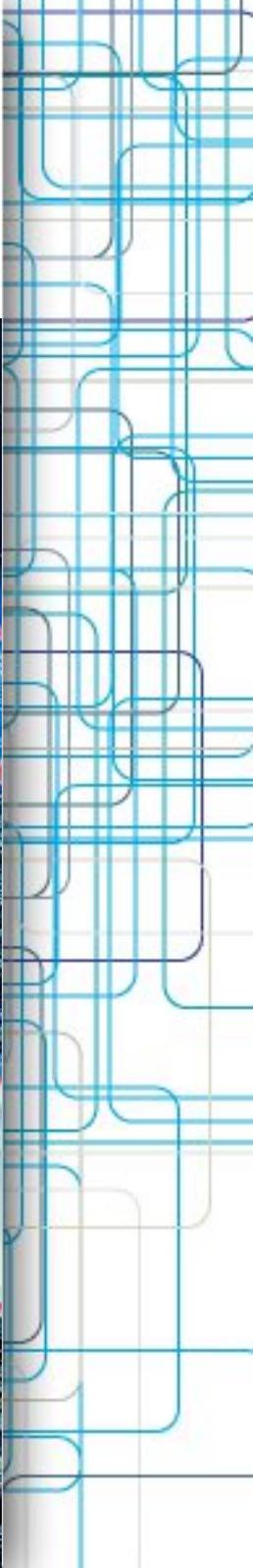


How To Be A Sustainability Leader

A leader is one who inspires action. Here are some tools and inspiration to help us solve the climate crisis.



Final Lesson Agenda

How To Be A Sustainability Leader

Introduction

Acknowledging Universal Human Needs
Intersectionality

What Are Our Goals?: The Sustainability Model

Q&A Intermission

Solutions for Leaders in Sustainability

Social Permaculture

Effecting True Change

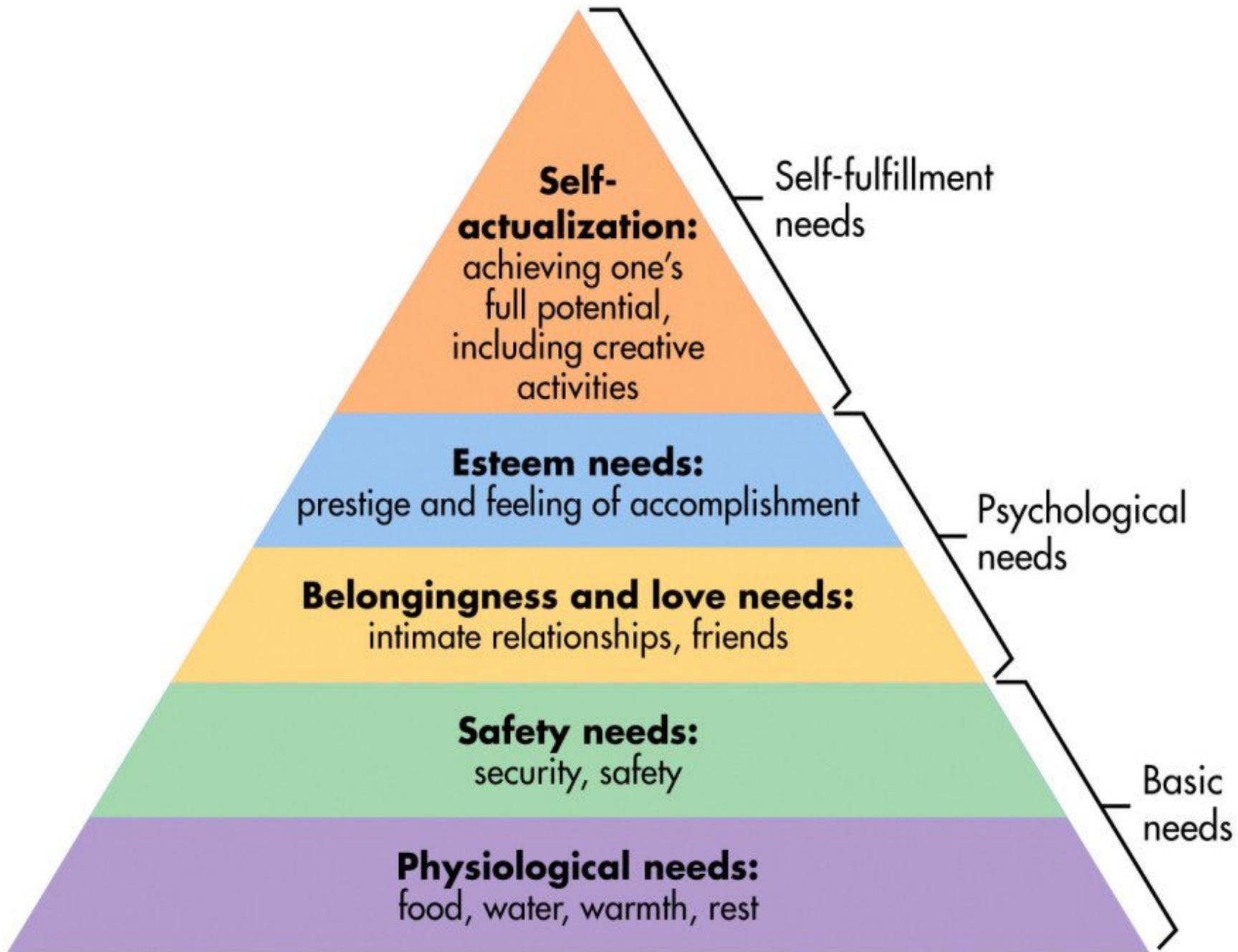
Protest and Social Movements

The Role of Art in Effecting Social Change

The Future Is Led By Our Youth!

Be The Change

Debate and Q&A



Across cultures, human needs are universal.

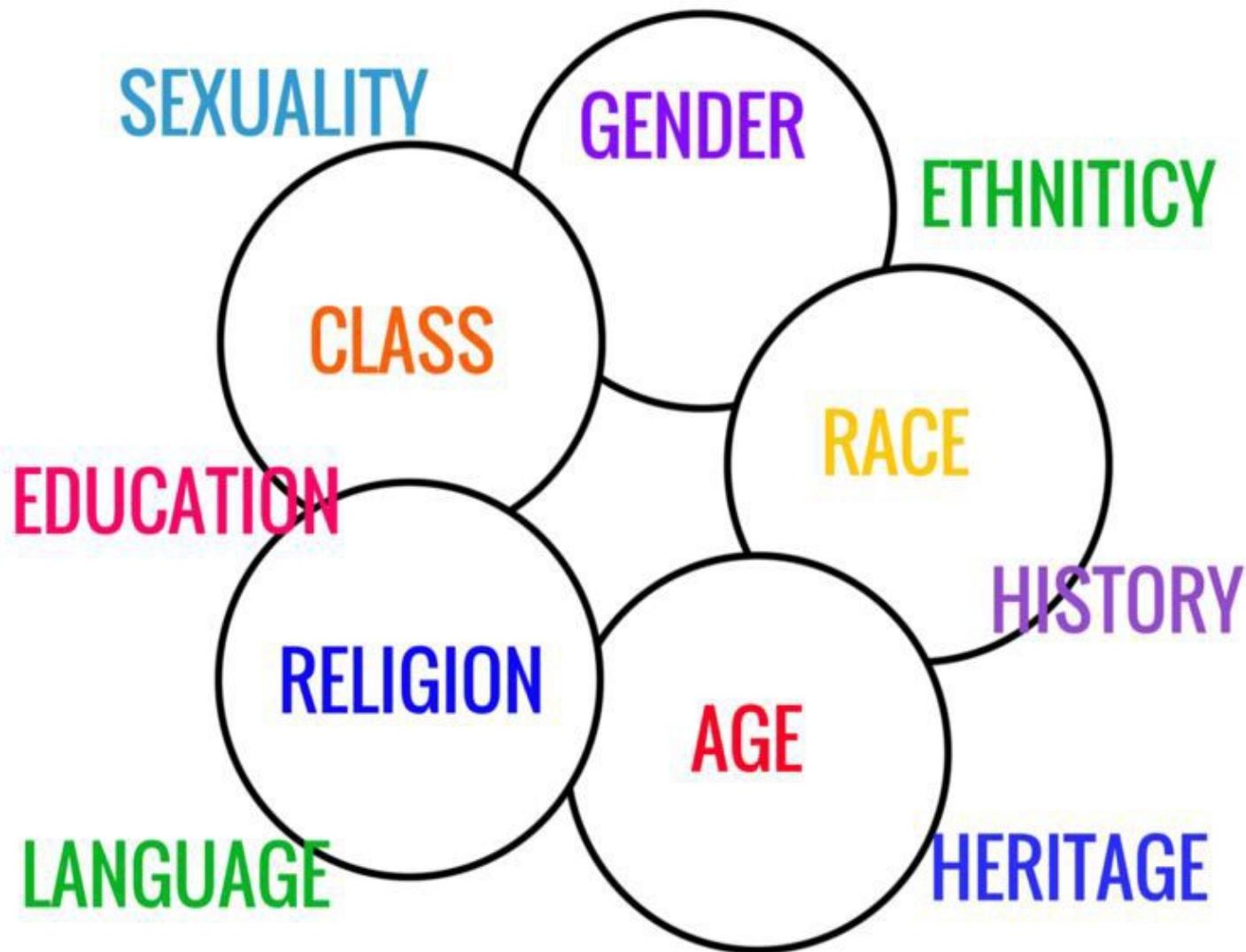
Today's Needs Before Tomorrow's Worries

Before solving the climate crisis, people need...

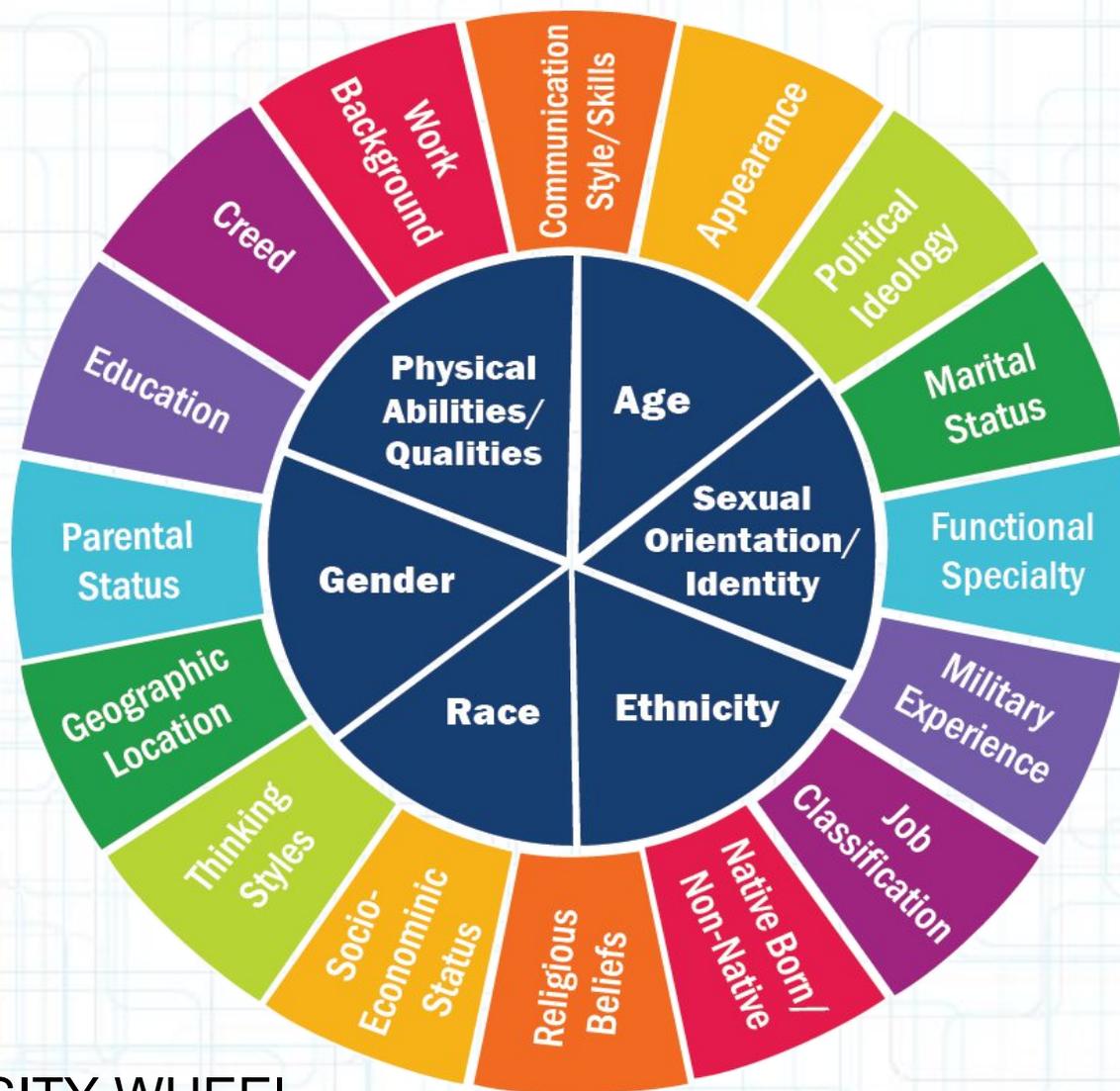
- access to food and water
- universal healthcare
- living wages for ALL workers
- affordable housing ...and more!



INTERSECTIONALITY



"overlapping or intersecting social identities and related systems of oppression, domination, or discrimination."



THE DIVERSITY WHEEL

The centre of the wheel represents characteristics that are usually most permanent or visible. The outside of the wheel represents dimensions that are acquired and change over the course of a lifetime. The combinations of all of these dimensions influence our needs, values, beliefs, behaviors, experiences and expectations and make us all unique as individuals.

Johns Hopkins University and Medicine

DIVERSITY + INCLUSIVITY

ACCEPTANCE | EXPRESSION | IDENTITY | ETHNICITY | CULTURE | ACCESSIBILITY

FUTURE



THE AMERICAN FAMILY

With single-parent households, varying family structures and fewer children, the modern family defies categorization.



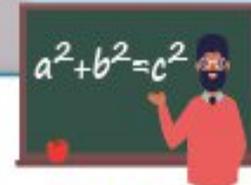
GENDER EQUALITY

The "HeForShe" campaign launched by the United Nations encourages people to stand together globally to create gender equality.



MILLENNIAL DIVERSITY

The Millennial generation is broadening the nation's racial diversity. Overall, they are 56% white vs. 75% for Baby Boomers.



RACE + EDUCATION

Minority students often perform better on tests and have improved attendance when they have at least one teacher of the same-race.



FACTORS

PRO-EQUALITY

**93
MEI**

WDM HAS A MUNICIPAL EQUALITY INDEX (MEI) OF 93 OUT OF 100 POINTS, FAR SURPASSING THE 2018 NATIONAL AVERAGE OF 58 POINTS!

MEI IS THE ONLY NATIONWIDE RATING SYSTEM OF LGBTQIA INCLUSION AND EQUALITY IN MUNICIPAL LAW AND POLICY.

BUSINESS INNOVATION

- INCLUSIVE COMPANIES ARE 1.7x MORE LIKELY TO BE INNOVATION LEADERS IN THEIR MARKET
- ETHNICALLY-DIVERSE COMPANIES ARE 35% MORE LIKELY TO OUT-PERFORM THEIR PEERS

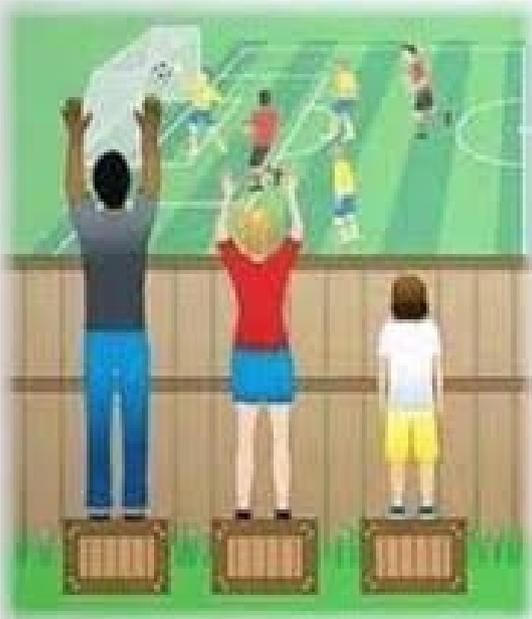
UNIVERSAL DESIGN

- 7.36% OF THE TOTAL POPULATION IN WDM AND
- 30.88% OF THE POPULATION 65 YEARS AND OLDER HAVE A DISABILITY.

INCLUSIVITY REDUCES SOCIAL ISOLATION AND IMPROVES MENTAL HEALTH FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

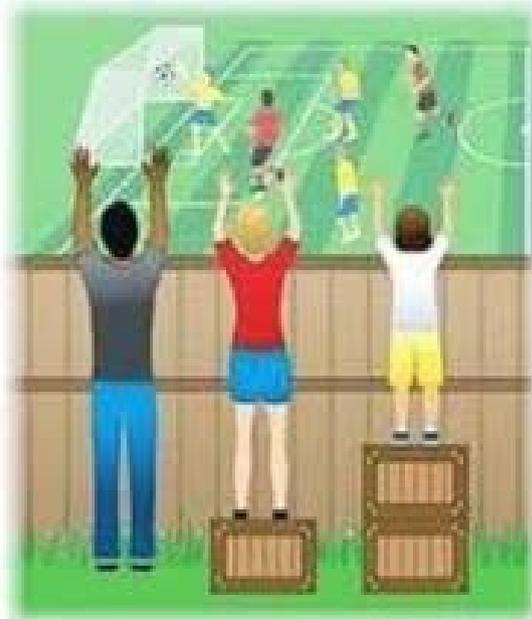
Fair Is Not Always Equal..

Equality



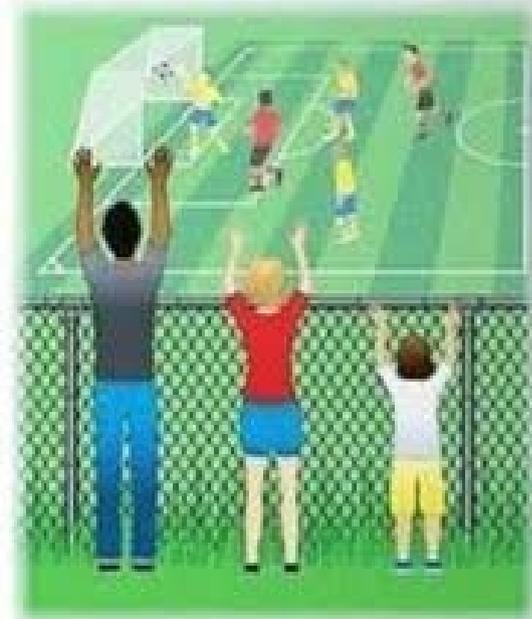
The assumption is that everyone benefits from the same supports. This is equal treatment.

Equity



Everyone gets the supports they need (this is the concept of "affirmative action"), thus producing equity.

Justice



All 3 can see the game without supports or accommodations because the cause(s) of the inequity was addressed. The systemic barrier has been removed.



The struggle for a living wage: Workers rally for a new minimum wage to reflect higher inflation over all, especially rising rent costs nationwide from gentrification.



The Green New Deal, while too non-specific to act upon, forwards the idea in legislature that we need to mobilize on a massive scale, just as the US did for The New Deal decades ago, only now we are creating jobs AND solving the climate crisis.

Sunrise Movement

The youth led movement advocating for Climate Policy.



Town Hall Meetings

Get to know your neighbors and discuss important issues affecting the community!

GREEN NEW DEAL Town Hall Meeting

Grace Episcopal Church
5501 Hamilton Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45224

The Green New Deal is a proposed stimulus program that aims to address climate change and economic inequality. To accomplish this, we must combine ideas such as renewable energy, while empowering working class people everywhere with a livable wage and a livable future. Join us Friday evening to hear personal stories from some of those already affected by climate change, what the Green New Deal is and how you can get involved.



6/7/19

7-9pm doors at 6:30 FREE
light snacks provided / all ages welcome

What Are Our Goals?

"You never change things
by fighting the existing reality.
To change something,
build a new model that makes
the existing model obsolete."

-R. Buckminster Fuller

Remember to dream...

What is your vision of a sustainable future?

If there is no **Office of Sustainability** in your city, start one!



BUSINESSES

RESIDENTS

VISITORS

SERVICES

GOVERNMENT



Translate



Office of Environment & Sustainability / Citywide Efforts / Green Cincinnati Plan

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY MENU

- Climate Action
- Energy
- Food
- Mobility
- Green Economy
- Recycling
- Get Involved
- Environmental Resources
- News
- Contact Us

Green Cincinnati Plan



The Green Cincinnati Plan has helped establish Cincinnati as a national leader in sustainability and an attractive destination for businesses and individuals. Updated in 2018, the Green Cincinnati Plan presents a comprehensive set of recommendations to advance the **sustainability, equity, and resilience** of our city. The Plan will help map Cincinnati's path to 100% renewable energy, starting with a proposal to build the largest city-owned solar array in the country. The development of the plan was guided by a **Steering Committee** comprised of government, corporate, academic, non-profit, faith, and community organizations appointed by the Mayor.

Earth Day Celebration – Start Your Own!

1970 CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION 2020

GREATER CINCINNATI

Earth Day

April 25 / 12-5PM

– SUMMIT PARK, BLUE ASH –

2020 THEME

What You Can Do

CLEAN AIR

CLEAN SOIL

CLEAN WATER

A New Economic Model

A resource-based economy motivated by compassion.

Cooperation vs Competition

What drives consumers?

What motivation would we have to shop if we had all we need?

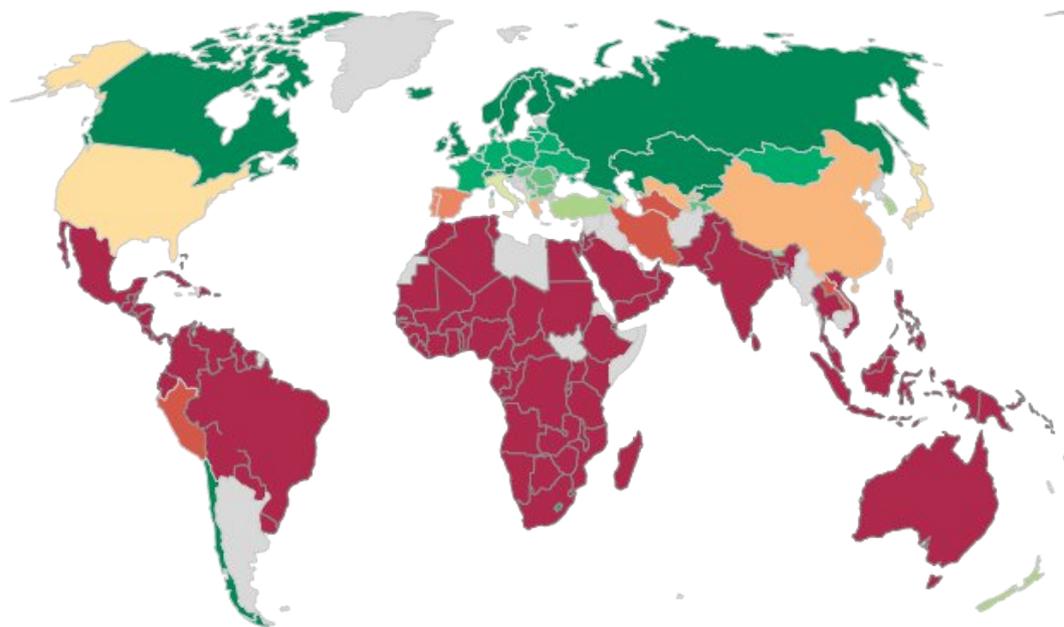
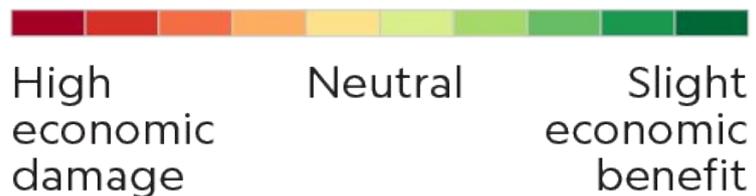
The most insidious cause of consumerism is perhaps due to clever marketing strategies that instill feelings of inadequacy, comparing the pitfalls of our lives to the highlight reels of others' lives. In this way, status becomes a source of anxiety and cause for competition. Still others using shopping simply to cope with anxiety, for comfort.

...if we have more compassion for each other and our planet we could foster a sense of mutualism, of cooperation. We need to evolve capitalism. And, remember, greenwashing will not save the planet. We need an economy built on social and economic justice, one that encourages **sharing** resources, especially essential and finite resources. We need a resource-based economy and a true, circular economy.

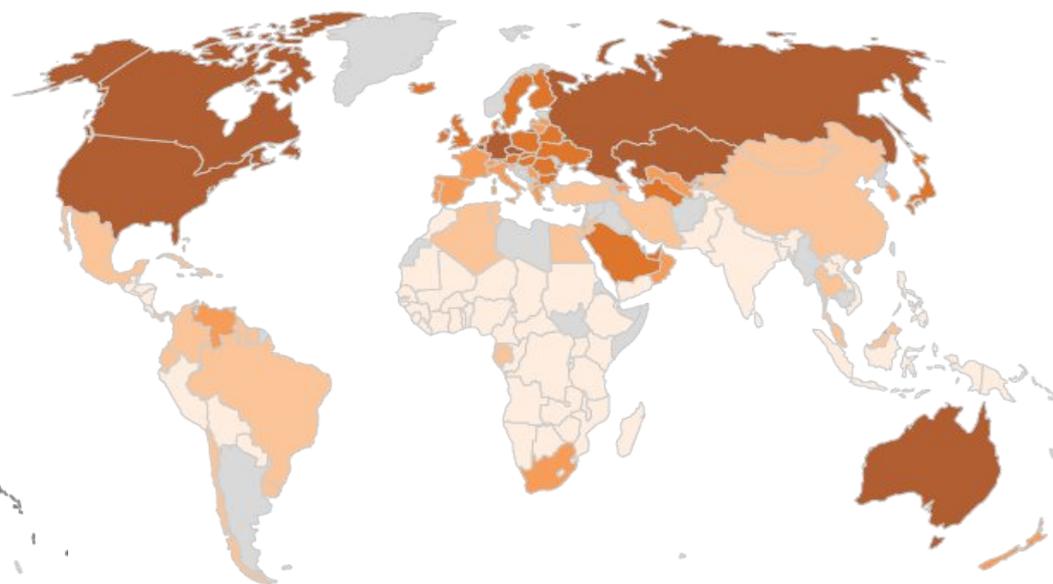
Democratic Socialism, Anarcho-Syndicalism or...

Poverty and Climate Change

Impact of climate change on national economy (1991-2010)



Cumulative carbon dioxide emissions per capita, in tons (1991-2010)



RYAN MORRIS, NGM STAFF
SOURCE: NOAH DIFFENBAUGH, STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Climate Justice *is* Social Justice

Climate Health

The Nexus

The health impacts of climate change will be distributed unevenly across the globe, and climate change may make preexisting inequality worse.

IMPACTS INCLUDE



Changes in the distribution and burden of vector-borne diseases (such as malaria and dengue) and water-borne infectious disease



Human undernutrition from crop failure



Occupational health risks



Population displacement from sea-level rise



Noncommunicable diseases and disorders like respiratory diseases, heart disease, depression, and mental disorders

According to the World Health Organization, the direct damage costs of climate change to health could reach

US\$2B-\$4B
per year by 2030*



The Sustainability Model

Leaders in Collegiate
Recreation

Sustainability is meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

— The Brundtland Commission, 1987

Socio-Economic

- Accessibility
- Affordability
- Business ethics
- Labor practices
- Risk management

SOCIAL

- Inclusiveness
- Equity/justice
- Diversity
- Opportunity
- Service

HEALTHY
People &
Communities

- Fiscal stewardship
- Resource development
- Internal controls
- Return on investment
- Asset management

ECONOMIC

Socio-Environmental

- Stewardship
- Environmental justice
- Resource sharing

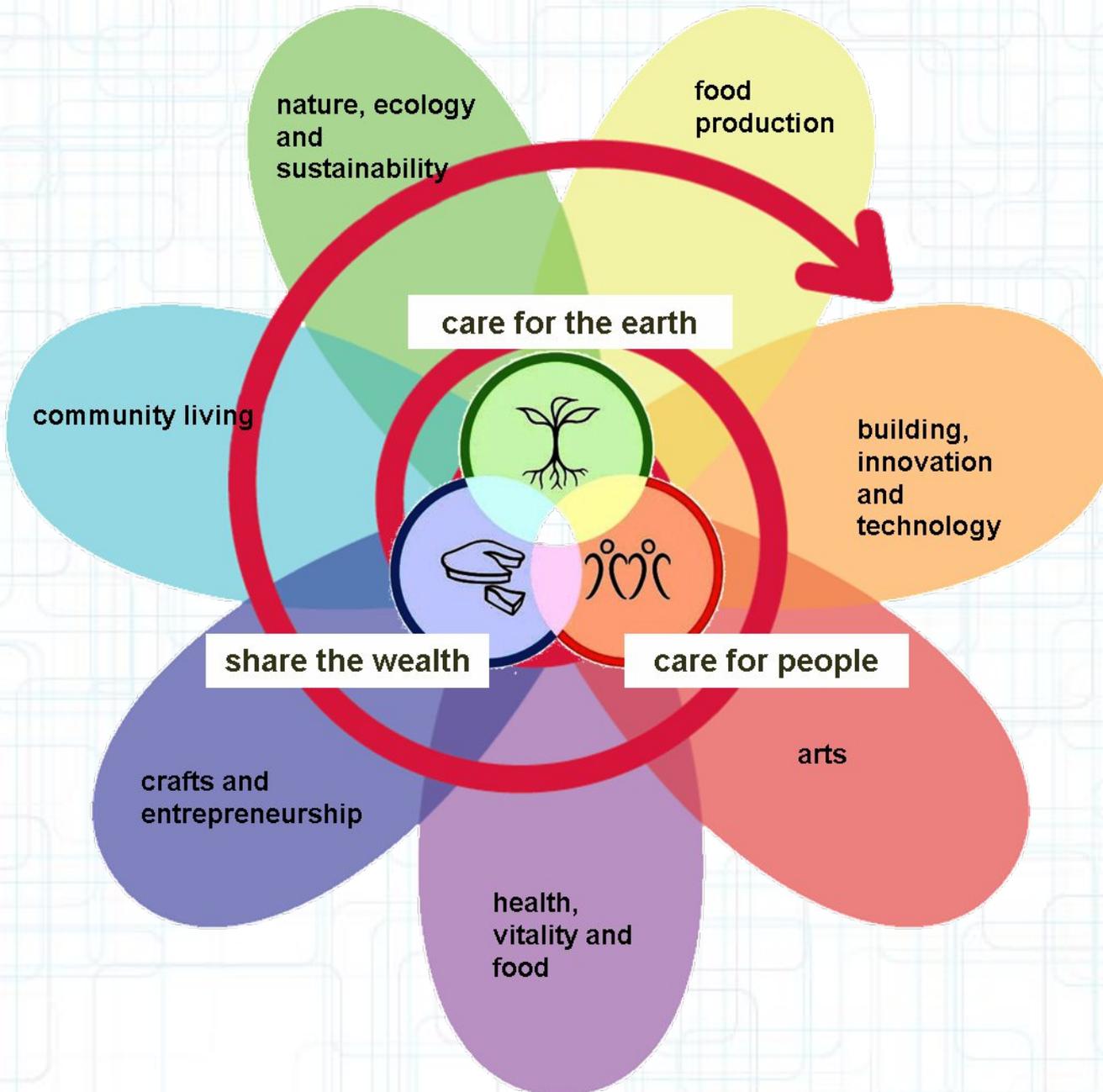
ENVIRONMENTAL

- Energy-renewal
- Carbon footprint
- Waste reduction
- Land use/green spaces

Economic-Environmental

- Full-cost accounting
- Facility design
- Resource efficiency
Energy, materials, water
- Operations

Social Permaculture

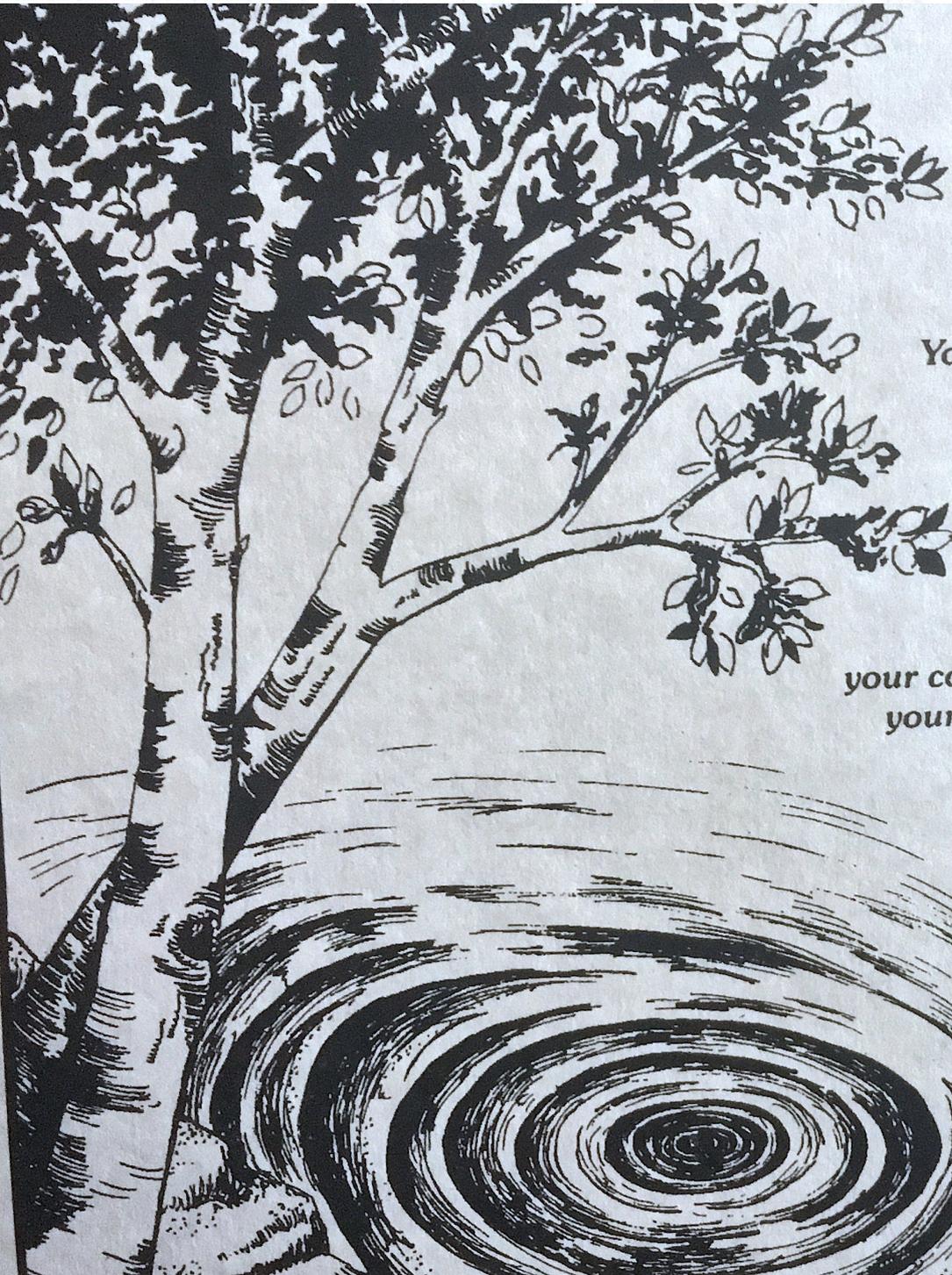


Ikigai

A JAPANESE CONCEPT MEANING "A REASON FOR BEING"



The Ripple Effect



Do you want to be a positive influence in the world?

First, get your own life in order.

Ground yourself in the single principle so that your behavior is wholesome and effective.

If you do that, you will earn respect and be a powerful influence.

Your behavior influences others through a ripple effect.

A ripple effect works because everyone influences everyone else. Powerful people are powerful influences.

If your life works, you influence your family. If your family works, your family influences the community.

If your community works, your community influences the nation. If your nation works, your nation influences the world. If your world works, the ripple effect spreads throughout the cosmos.

Remember that your influence begins with you and ripples outward. So be sure that your influence is both potent and wholesome.

How do I know that this works? All growth spreads outward from a fertile and potent nucleus.

You are a nucleus.

*John Heider
The Tao of Leadership*

Find Your Place... Make a Space

All of us are called in different ways to better the world.
Use your talents!

“Don’t ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive, and then go and do that. Because what the world needs is people that have come alive.”

— Harold Thurman Whitman

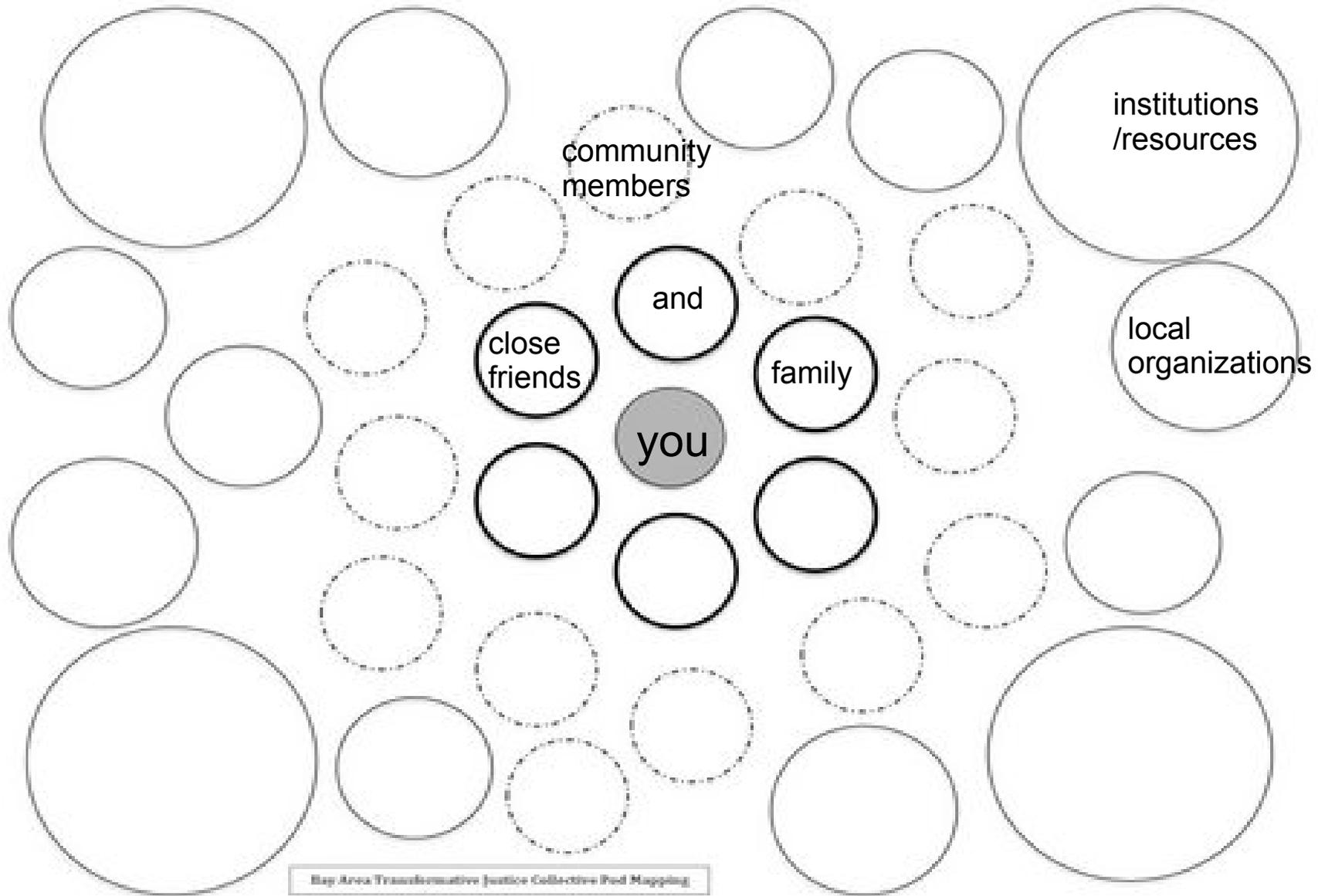
Even if the world is ending tomorrow, we still need teachers, doctors, and firefighters today... Today, someone you know needs someone to listen, someone you know needs a friend.

Home

- LED lightbulbs ...start simple
- 5-minute showers
- Compost and Garden
- Smart Thermostat ..and more!

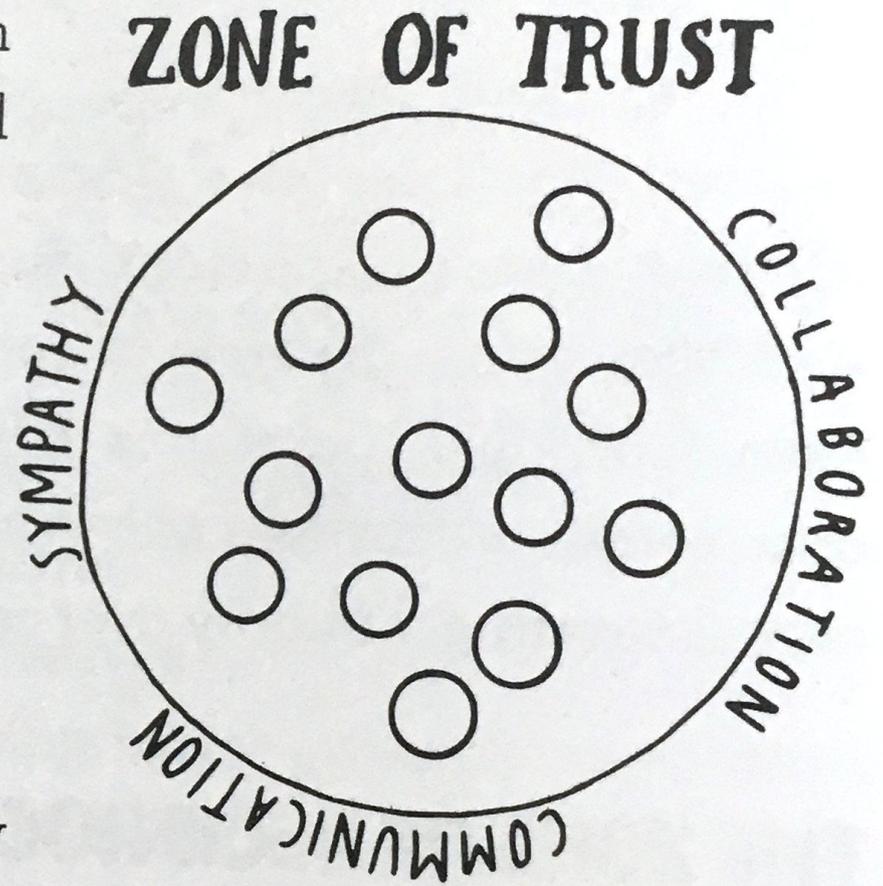


Pod-Mapping



THE ZONE OF TRUST (10-25)

The next circle out encompasses those whom we contact on a regular basis and share special ties with: relatives, friend groups, and perhaps some close colleagues. Sociologists call this circle our *sympathy group* and cite social surveys across the globe showing that it consistently has ten to fifteen people at any given time. While we might not share the most intimate details of our lives with those in our zone of trust, we're likely to keep them updated on the ups and downs of our lives, such as struggles at work, vacations, and our romantic status. As Dunbar points out, groups of ten to fifteen are frequently found in contexts "where very close co-ordination of behaviour is required: juries, the inner cabinets of many governments, the number of apostles, the size of most sports teams."⁹



Workplace

- Potlucks / Food Shares during lunch
- Carpooling + Public Transit voucher
- Less heating + AC use
- Endorse local sustainability efforts
- Supply chain improvements

9 WAYS TO REDUCE PLASTIC IN YOUR WORKPLACE



1
Inspire your colleagues, hold an ocean plastic talk



2
Organise a park, river or beach clean with your team



3
Provide unlimited filtered tap water



4
Have reusables in kitchens & canteens



5
Reduce plastic in office tea & coffee



6
Encourage eco habits, gift reusables to your team



7
Ask your team for ideas to cut plastic in their roles



8
Request that suppliers use less plastic packaging



9
Share your successes, inspire others to act too

LESS PLASTIC.

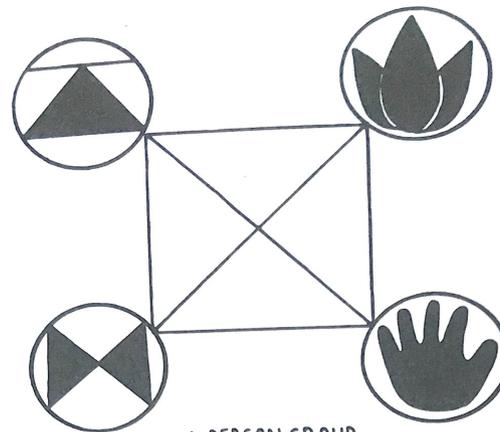
#PlasticGameChanger

WWW.LESSPLASTIC.CO.UK

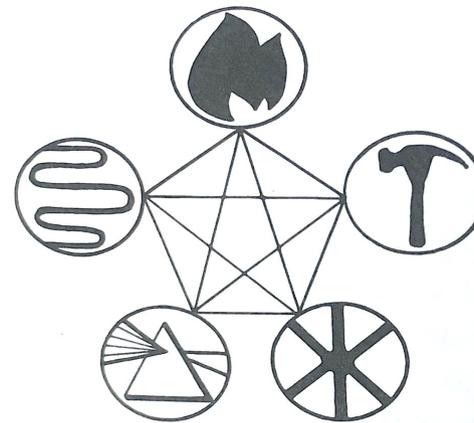
Human Polycultures

“Group work happens most effectively in teams of four to seven, with a healthy balance of skills and perspectives represented in the group.”

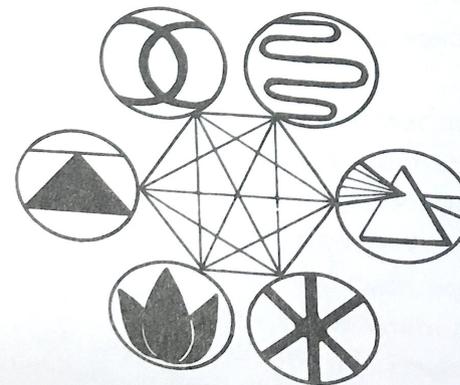
-Adam Brock,
Change Here Now



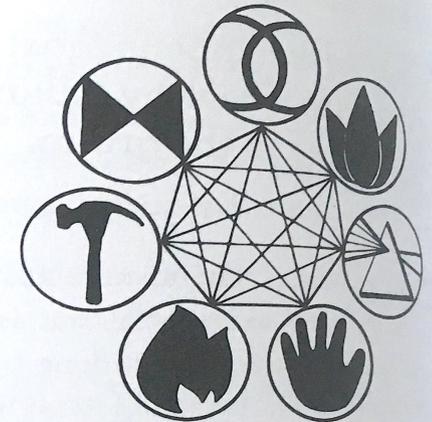
4 PERSON GROUP
6 CONNECTIONS



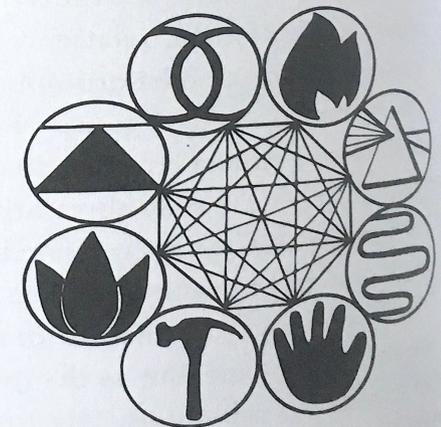
5 PERSON GROUP
10 CONNECTIONS



6 PERSON GROUP
15 CONNECTIONS



7 PERSON GROUP
21 CONNECTIONS



8 PERSON GROUP
28 CONNECTIONS

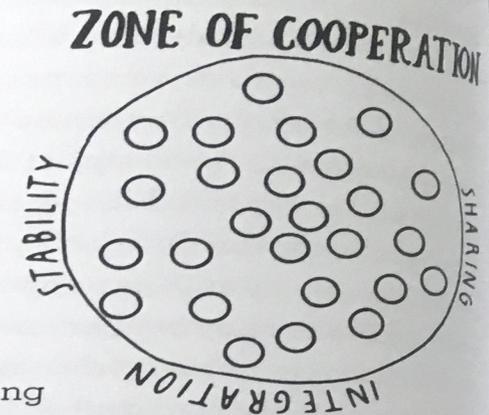
Typical
classroom
size ~30

CHANGE HERE NOW

Typical
small
community
50-150

THE ZONE OF COOPERATION (25-50)

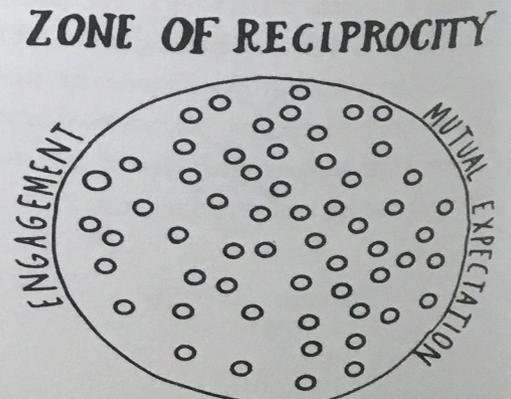
For most of human history, humans lived in traveling bands of foragers that frequently numbered between thirty and fifty people—a range that apparently represented the narrow window between self-sufficiency and social stability. As humans settled in towns and cities, these clan-sized groups remained an important unit of society. The members of each such group assisted one another with the operations of the **HOUSEHOLD ECONOMY**: looking after one another's children, tending to the sick or elderly, and trading surplus harvests or skills.



Today, with the household economy waning in importance, cooperative groups of thirty to fifty have become much less important to our domestic lives. Still, groups of a few dozen members remain important in our social, cultural, and political institutions. Most classrooms have between twenty and forty students, and the basic combat unit in the U.S. Army, the platoon, consists of sixteen to forty-four soldiers. Within business and social movements, **HUMAN POLYCULTURES** of five to seven people are often woven together as coalitions or a series of departments within a larger organization. And for groups practicing consensus as **THE RIGHT WAY TO DECIDE**, the zone of cooperation represents the largest practical size, if every individual's opinion is to be effectively heard and integrated. Beyond thirty or so people, **NURTURED NETWORKS** are better off shifting to **CONSENSUAL HIERARCHY**, delegating authority over certain areas to group members whom they trust.

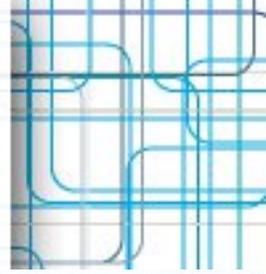
THE ZONE OF RECIPROCITY (50-150)

At the next level up, we arrive at Dunbar's best-known number: 150. As the neurologically derived limit to stable relationships, this is the upper bound of any network held together by favors and mutual expectation. The earliest farming villages were typically around this size, as were army companies from Roman times onward. Even in the social

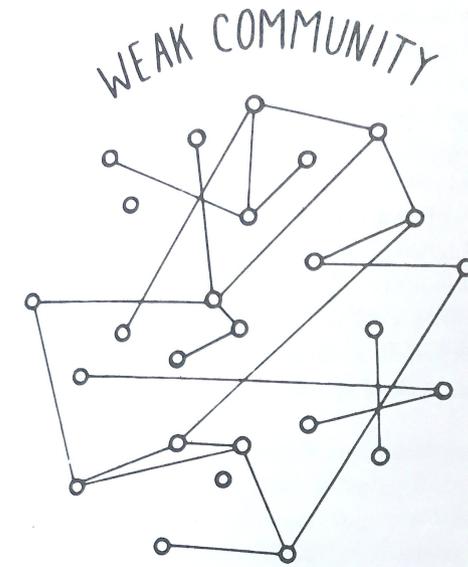


Community

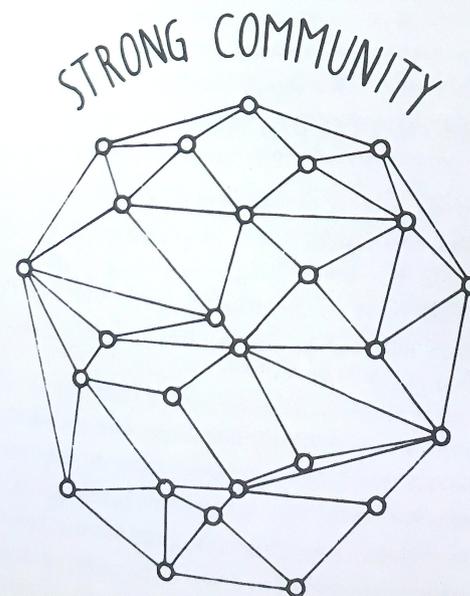
- collective organizing for government relations
- regular, open town hall meetings
- shared investment in renewables



WINONA LADUKE
INDIGENOUS WOMEN TELLING A NEW STORY ABOUT ENERGY AND CLIMATE
Tuesday, December 9 at 7:00 PM
University Theatre, CU Boulder

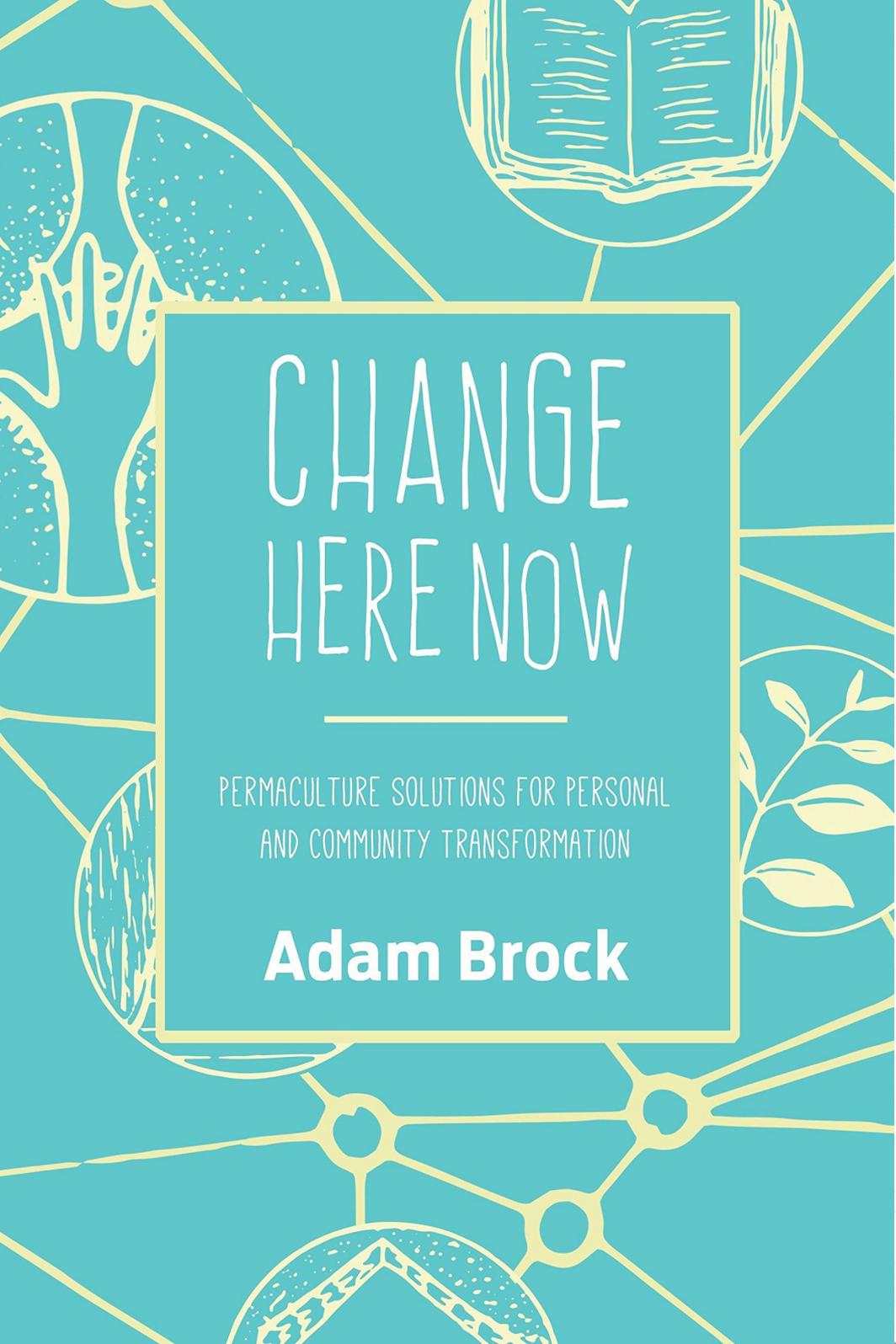


- lacking strong connections



- mutually interdependent
- diverse
- often organized around aid



The book cover features a teal background with yellow line art illustrations of citrus slices, a book, and a plant. The title 'CHANGE HERE NOW' is written in a white, hand-drawn font. Below the title is a horizontal line, followed by the subtitle 'PERMACULTURE SOLUTIONS FOR PERSONAL AND COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION' in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. The author's name 'Adam Brock' is at the bottom in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

CHANGE HERE NOW

PERMACULTURE SOLUTIONS FOR PERSONAL
AND COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION

Adam Brock

Whether it is in
your home,
workplace / school
or in your
community, social
permaculture is a
tool to help you
work well with
others and
organize together.
It begins with you...

Group Exercises That Foster Closeness and Learning

CONNECT, INSPIRE & COLLABORATE

YES!



**ACTIVITIES
FACILITATION MANUAL
FOR YOUNG CHANGEMAKERS**



79. INNER/OUTER CIRCLE SHARING

Time: 1 hour
Suggested Group Size: 10+

This exercise is great near the beginning of a gathering.

The group divides in half and forms two circles; one sitting inside the other, with each person facing a partner. Everyone sits down. The facilitator will ask a question and give each partner time to answer. After one or two questions, the inner circle will move to the right to find a new partner, while the outer circle stays in the same place. Everyone should have a new partner. Proceed with another one or two questions, then move again, etc. You can have a hand signal, like a high-five, between partners before they move on to the next one, to create a dance-like feeling.

- 1) What are your family roots, or ethnic background, and what does this mean to you?
- 2) Where do you live? Where were you born?
- 3) What is your vision of an ideal world?
- 4) Who are your heroes/heroines, your sources of inspiration, alive or not? Why?
- 5) What kind of animal do you think is most like you and why?
- 6) What kinds of music do you like? What are some of your favorite bands? Why?
- 7) Would you rather be rich or famous? Why?
- 8) What would you do with one million dollars if you had to get rid of it all today and you couldn't invest it?
- 9) Do you consider yourself to be an introvert or an extrovert?
- 10) What are your interests? What do you do with your free time?
- 11) What would you most want to do for a living if you could do anything?
- 12) What excites you most in your life right now?

It's a good idea to leave time/space at the end of this sharing process, so people can carry on with their conversations.



12. CHECK-IN GROUPS

(recommended when a whole group check-in will take too long, so perhaps for groups of 35+)

Smaller groups can meet each night to share and reflect on the day. They should each have one facilitator. Check-in groups can go-around with open space for anyone to share. They can also have a theme, which can be explained and also written up on a large sheet of paper. Suggested themes include:

What is your family like? What is your background? Your community?

What are your greatest hopes and fears for the week?

What did you learn today and how does it affect you?

How do you think the world will change in your lifetime? What will it take to turn things around?

What are the scariest and most exciting things facing you in the next few months?

Describe a time when you experienced a miracle.

What brought you here?

How are you going to apply what you've learned here in your life?

What lies at your crossroads right now?

What are your roots?

I am a person who ... (reflect on how you see yourself).

You are a person who ... (others reflect on how they see you).

What color are you right now? Why?

25. INCORPORATION

This game is about grouping and regrouping as fast as possible. The idea is for participants to meet as many people as they can. They carefully listen to the facilitator's instructions, and then run, organize and find their appropriate group. Every time they hear a whistle, or the lights are turned off, or a loud bell rings (or some other signal) they FREEZE where are and listen while new instructions are being given. They shouldn't worry if they haven't found one group when the signal to FREEZE is given — they should just go on to the next grouping. The facilitator tries to signal a FREEZE when most (but probably not all) groups have found each other.

Here are some example grouping instructions:

Find a group of 3 people you don't already know.

Find a group of 5 people who have at least one item of clothing the same color.

Find a group of 4 people who are the same age as you.

Find a group of 3 people who have the same hair color as you.

Find a group of 3 people who have a similar dental history (# of fillings, braces, &/or wisdom teeth out).

Find a group of 4 people who like to play the same sports as you.

Find a group of 4, all of whom have the same last digit in their phone number.

Find a group of 5 who have the same number of brothers and sisters as you.

Find a group of 4 people whose parents have the same marital status as yours.

Find a group of 3 all born during the same season as you, and creatively form the letter "H" using your bodies.

(If applicable) Find everyone who's in your meal crew.

Find a group of three people with the same body odor as you!

from *Activities Facilitation for Young Changemakers*

122. VISIONS OF SOCIAL CHANGE

Time: 60-75 minutes
(30 minutes to prepare, 30-45 minutes to share)
Suggested Group Size: 12 or more

What are we trying to create? What kind of world do we want to live in? What is our hope for the future? Sometimes, talking doesn't enable us to envision the better world we want. Instead, we need to actually embody it!

This activity allows us to get out of the head and into the body and movement space. Rather than using words to describe the world we want to see, we create moving sculptures or 'machines' that show us that world.

Divide up your large group into smaller groups of 7-10 people each. Give everyone the simple instruction that they need to create a 'machine' or sculpture which gives a vision of the world they want to see. Different kinds of movements and poses can be used as they like. And, there should be no talking in the machine, though there can be sounds.

Allow the groups about 15-20 minutes to name and discuss key elements of their vision and any metaphors or symbols that might be particularly important. Then, encourage them to get moving and make their machines, without too much 'thinking' but more 'doing', 'moving' and 'acting'. This will allow for more creativity and spontaneity, as well as less self-consciousness and over-thinking. Allow 10-15 more minutes for the different groups to put together their machines.

Then, bring the entire group back together. Turn by turn, have each group share their sculpture-machine. Let the audience have time to guess and describe what they understood and saw in each presentation. Then, invite the group to add anything else that was missed or that they want to share about their presentation. Continue until all the groups have presented, discussed and explored their visions of social change.

Variation 1: (75 minutes – 60 minutes to prepare, 15 minutes to present):

If you have enough musicians in the group, who can lend support to the process, then you can also create songs through the same process. Each group has one musician (at least) for support, and they come up with lyrics and music that reflects the world they want to see. The groups then perform their songs for one another. Typically, there's less clarification needed after a song, but you may still want some space for discussion.

Variation 2: (45 minutes to prepare; 30 minutes to present and discuss):

Have the groups create poetry, drama or spoken word on their vision of social change and the world they want to see. You can also leave it open, and simply ask the group to come up with their own 'creative expression'.

Time: 60 minutes (2 minutes per person)
Suggested Group Size: 10 or more

123. NETWORKING PRESENTATIONS

When people have had a chance to build trust, form friendships and feel invested, it's nice to create a space where they can hear each other's dream, or upcoming project, and support one another. This should come towards the end of the event, so that people don't feel forced to make a commitment or lend support prematurely.

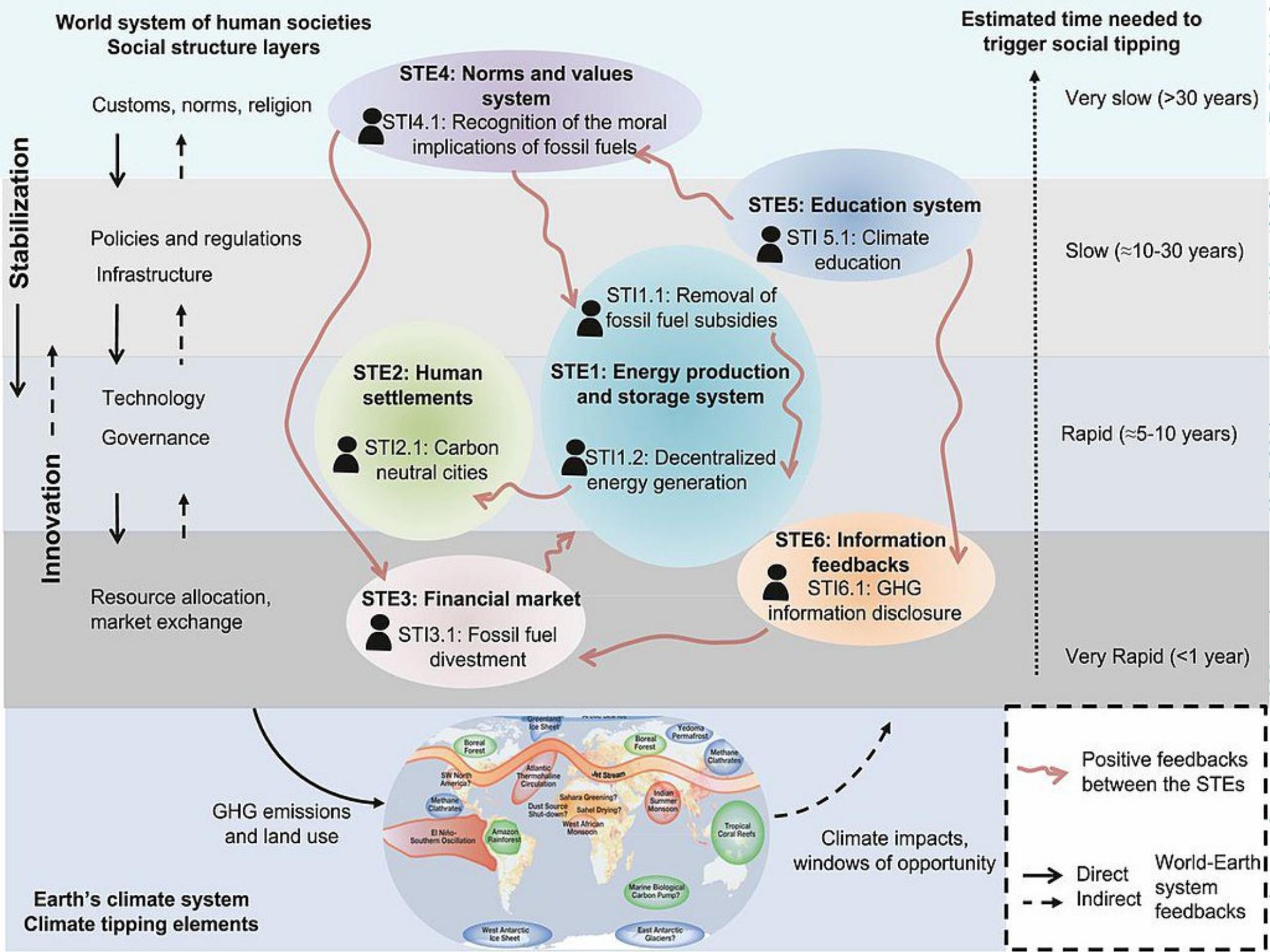
Set the room up as a theater, with people seated in rows, looking towards a single 'stage'. Invite people to come forward, one-by-one, and give a two-minute presentation about a dream or project that they want people to join them in. The presentation should be high energy, with enthusiastic cheering after each person completes. Tightly time the presentations, so that everyone gets a turn. And, as always, people are free to pass, if they wish.

Have two people alternate recording for the group, capturing the presentation in a sentence or two when it's finished. These can be distributed to everyone after the gathering. At the same time, ask everyone to take note of the projects/dreams they are excited about, and be prepared to contact that person afterward with whatever resources, skills or help they can provide. The facilitator may also ask folks who have ideas and support to raise their hands, and the notetakers can record this information. That way, the presenter can follow-up with them afterward. Create

Effecting True Change...

Eating less meat and other individual actions ARE important, but we are more than just consumers.





From individuals to small communities and then the world...

“**Never doubt** that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can **change the world.** Indeed, it is **the only thing that ever has.**”

Margaret Mead

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Taking a Call for Climate Change to the Streets



International March for Climate 2014

Organizers, using data provided by 35 crowd spotters and analyzed by a mathematician from Carnegie Mellon University, estimated that 311,000 people marched the route. The signs that marchers held were as varied as the movement: “There Is No Planet B,” “Forests Not for Sale” and “Jobs, Justice, Clean Energy.”



2015 rally against Fracking



2016 – The water protector movement began with one woman lighting a sacred fire, one prayer...



The movement has expanded internationally to Divestment campaigns, pulling money from banks that invest in oil pipeline projects.

Extinction Rebellion

Using art and theater to inspire change.



ER's first demonstration was in 2018. 6,000 people showed up to call to action and shut down every bridge in London.





Extinction Rebellion continues to this day, calling on leaders to take action.



The Role of Art in Climate Action





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This is a statue in Berlin called "Politicians discussing Global Warming."



 The Weather Channel



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Shortly after rejecting measures to combat climate change, the Veneto regional council flooded.



Public Radio International



Nele Azevedo makes public art out of ice, and then lets it melt.



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EARTH GUARDIANS YOUTH DIRECTOR XIUHTEZCATL MARTINEZ

Earth Guardians Youth Director Xiuhtezcatl Martinez, (his first name pronounced 'Shoe-Tez-Caht') recently turned 18. He's an indigenous climate activist, hip-hop artist, and powerful voice on the front lines of a global youth-led environmental movement. At the early age of six Xiuhtezcatl began speaking around the world, from the Rio+20 United Nations Summit in Rio de Janeiro, to addressing the General Assembly at the United Nations in New York city. He has worked locally to get pesticides out of parks, coal ash contained, and moratoriums on fracking in his state and is currently a lead plaintiff in a youth-led lawsuit against the federal government for their failure to protect the atmosphere for future generations.



<https://www.earthguardians.org/xiuhtezcatl>



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Greta Thunberg began striking for climate every Friday alone outside her school...



▲ Greta Thunberg, center, joins activist outside the United Nations during a protest against climate change on 6 September in New York. Photograph: Bryan R Smith/AFP/Getty Images

A year ago, inspired by Swedish schoolgirl Greta Thunberg, young people around the world began ‘climate-striking’ - walking out of school for a few hours to demand action against the global warming that darkens their future. In May, when 1.4 million kids around the world walked out of school, they asked for adults to join them next time. That next time is 20 September (in a few countries 27 September),

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2019/sep/18/why-you-should-join-the-global-climate-strike-this-friday>

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Friday may be remembered as the **largest global demonstration ever in the fight against climate change**. Inspired by Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg, young people around the world have organized to skip school and protest in the street over the climate crisis and the adults who aren't doing enough to transition off fossil fuels.

Thunberg and her group Fridays for Future aren't alone: They'll be joined by adult climate activists, indigenous groups, workers from companies like Amazon and Google, and really anyone who feels like the world is overdue for dramatic action on climate change.

Global Climate strike in Cape Town, South Africa, on September 20, 2019. | Brenton Gear

It all began with one student, protesting every Friday outside her school...

<https://www.vox.com/energy-and-environment/2019/9/20/20875523/youth-climate-strike-fridays-future-photos-global>

How big was the global climate strike? 4 million people, activists estimate.

It was likely the largest climate protest in world history.

By Eliza Barclay and Brian Resnick | Updated Sep 22, 2019, 6:03pm EDT



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China's young climate heroes fight apathy - and the party line

Zhao Jiaxin and Howey Ou are trying to convince Beijing to take radical carbon-cutting action



▲ Howey Ou staging a climate strike outside government offices in Guilin, southern China. Photograph: Twitter/Howey Ou

Michael Standaert in Shenzhen

Tue 17 Sep 2019 20:27 EDT

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/sep/18/china-young-climate-heroes-fight-apathy-party-line>

China



Protesters hold signs and chant slogans during the Hong Kong Climate Strike rally in Hong Kong, China on September 20, 2019.

Germany



In Hamburg, Germany, climate strikers fill one of the city's main streets on September 20, 2019. | CityNewsTV/Picture

Bangladesh



School students and protesters gather in Dhaka, Bangladesh on September 20, 2019. | Allison Joyce/Getty Images

Australia



Young children dressed in traditional dress representing the Pacific Island get ready to march in Melbourne, Australia on

Japan



Climate strikers hold signs in Tokyo, Japan, near United Nations University on September 20, 2019. | Yuichi Yamazaki/Getty



Students wearing masks hold signs as they protest against governmental inaction towards climate breakdown in Guwahati, India on September 20, 2019. | Biju Boro/AFP/Getty Images

Afghanistan



Young people attend a Climate Strike rally, as Afghan security forces guard them in Kabul, Afghanistan on September 20, 2019.

Pakistan



Youths hold placards as they march in Islamabad, Pakistan on September 20, 2019. | Aamir Qureshi/AFP/Getty Images

Philippines

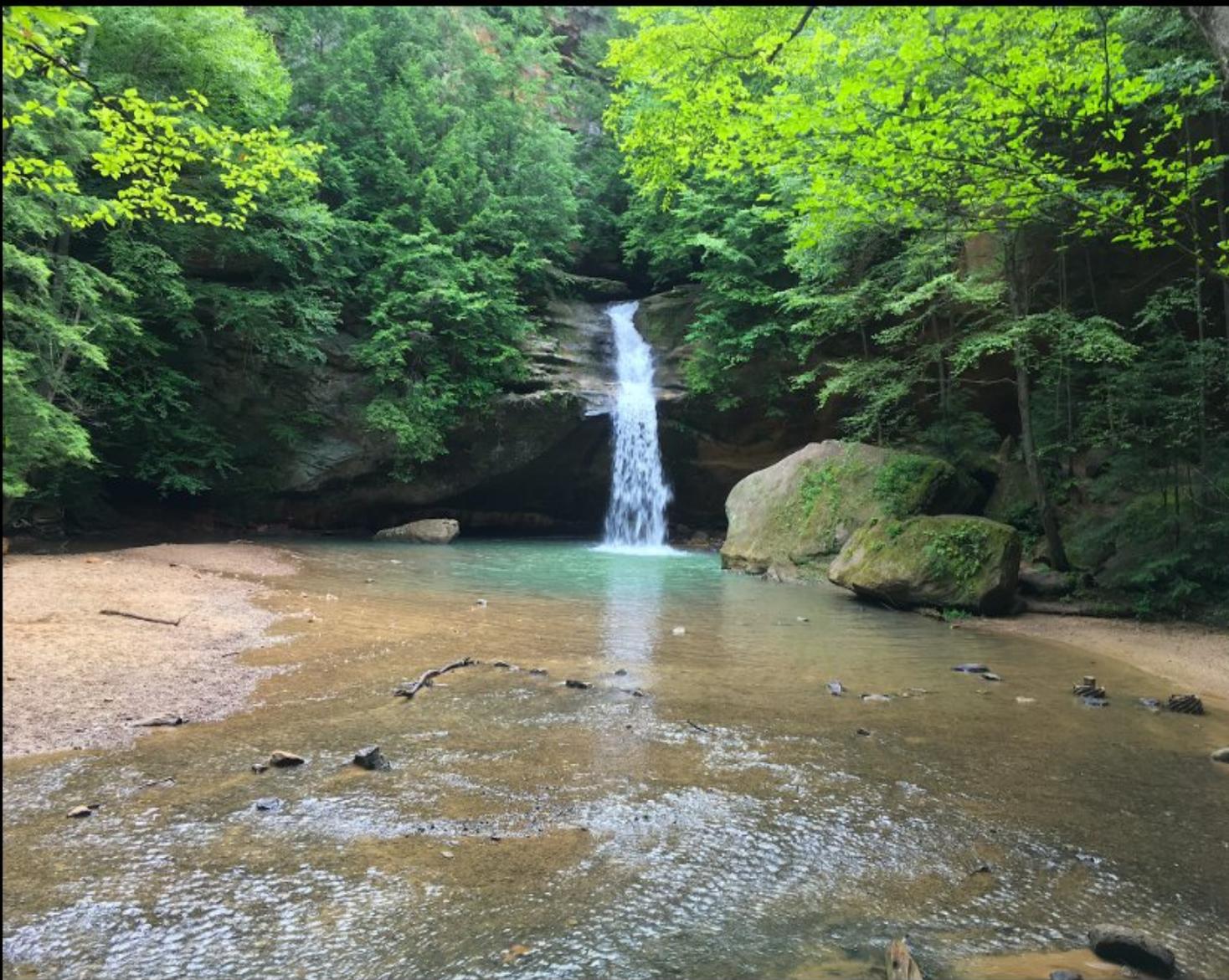


Filipino indigenous youth, students, and environmental activists take part in the Global Climate Strike in Quezon City, Philippines

Nigeria



Protesters cheer and march in Abuja, Nigeria on September 20, 2019. | Kola Sulaimon/AFP/Getty Images



We are but "temporary possessors" of this world and have a moral obligation not to squander our natural inheritance. And, as the Talmud states, "Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly now, love mercy now, walk humbly now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it."



"Here is your country. Cherish these natural wonders. Cherish these natural resources. Cherish the history and romance as sacred heritage, for your children and your children's children. Do not selfish men or greedy interests skin your country of its beauty, its riches, its romance." ... This is the Garden of Eden and we are merely stewards.

Don't worry about the world
coming to an end. It's already
tomorrow in Australia.