

Seeds of the Next Economy: Session 2 - Reclaiming the Commons

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- Interrupting the current system of extraction for profit is deeply embedded in many cultures - not just the North American one I live in - and erroneously linked to autonomy. How do we hold people as they take the frightening journey towards self determination after trusting the powers that be for so long? Who is trusted to support this -

I would say the classroom/education system - parents might harvest with their children if their children learn to sow. It keeps coming back to curriculum/education for me and “doula’ing out the old and in the new” (paraphrasing a quote from Vanessa Andreotti, former dean of education at UVic). Thank you very much - see you in 2 weeks!

- In addition to

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bold imagination and experimentation around what is possible in the next economy, we are called to expand our capacity to hold complexity and nuance, and to embrace the non-linear nature of "progress." This work is both systemic and deeply personal.

- I am thinking and would like to learn more

bout governance structures and decision-making modalities. How to foster agreement and managing conflicting interest including the interest of the more powerful actors in the community

- power of people's grit that takes time, endurance, relationships over n over again
- The importance of building community as a means of sustaining ourselves in the

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long term. The need to work toward self-sustainability, in terms of basic needs such as electricity and access to water. The importance of negotiating with donors to balance their agendas with the needs of the communities.

- Not a learning from this session, but I wanted to share something I learned in

life, with others who resonated with Arturo's point about women taking on the labour of looking after energy systems: Attaching a *commercial value* to women's labour is often a good way to make it visible, and give their voices more power even within macho/patriarchal societies.

- need to be collective, regenerative, clean energy
- Aprendi que construir uma

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independência energética é fundamental para a criação de um território independente. A comunidade é extremamente importante para superar todos os desafios enfrentados das mudanças climáticas.

- To build life-sustaining economies you need to leave no one behind especially the indigenous people in driving the economic processes
- La sostenibilidad es un reto.

No me gusta la palabra diversificar, pero si me llevo que hay que diversificar actividades e ingresos para la sostenibilidad. También me resuena mucho la imaginación.

Vivimos un momento en que imaginar el futuro es radical.

- sustainability needs long-term change in behavior, which cannot happen overnight.
- Always work with gender focus

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- Paying close attention that allows us to spot the nuance between liberation and 'another layer of oppression', as we heard about women's (mostly unpaid) labour in upholding the systems that sustain life for all
- its beautiful, its possible, and we need community for this
- Nourish hope and strengthen communities
- We need to start and be amazing for the future
- la comunidad organizada, con diversos liderazgos -mujeres, jóvenes, adultos mayores...-
- Intersectionality - and being led by communities who live in these interconnected systems - is so critical when thinking of transitioning economies.
- Protest AND Propose
- it takes so much time but its so worthy

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- It's all about building community.
We are interconnected and need to take care of each other.
- It needs to be inter-systems work, and built from within, and sustained from within ultimately
- Resilience is crucial