NORTHERN WOODS SUMMIT

Well-being Economies Alliance for Canada and Sovereign Indigenous Nations (WEAll Can)

27 April to 1 June 2022
SETTING THE SCENE
THE SUMMIT WAS AN INVITATION TO COLLECTIVE IMAGINING

The invitation from the 2022 Facilitation team

“Unquestioned narratives underpin our economy and our current destructive trajectories. It is these stories that we seek to challenge and change.

We offer you the chance to dive deeply in to the worlds inside our minds. We invite you to join us in surfacing and challenging dominant myths, rediscovering and spotlighting alternative ways of knowing, and imagining new narratives.

Our collective imagination grows more powerful though the inclusion and centering of diverse worldviews, radical imagination, and the alliances needed for deep transitions.

Fragmentation doesn’t exist in the world - it’s a function of our thinking. And dialogue is the vehicle for the art of thinking together and building coherence”.

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Online dialogues were held over six weeks

#1 EMBODIMENT
DIVERSITY OF IMAGINATIONS

#2 LEARNING CIRCLES
DIALOGUE, DREAMING, ACTION

#3 LEARNING CIRCLES
DIALOGUE, DREAMING, ACTION

#4 EMERGENCE
WEAVING NEW INSIGHTS
AND METAPHORS

#5 LEARNING CIRCLES
DIALOGUE, DREAMING, ACTION

#6 ENGAGEMENT
CREATING NEW NARRATIVES
AND PARTNERSHIPS
Scene setting included

encouragement to work at the level of ‘root cause’ and intent/purpose/mindsets

And

to engage in dialogue as a deeper level of listening & conversation

The Iceberg Model

What do we see every day?

What patterns do we see repeatedly?

Root causes & deep systemic forces

What structures/laws/conventions are holding the systems in place?
And to embody principles and practices

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“It takes a process of shifting, a movement of transition, from where one is - to where an imagined future resides. And there’s an inner condition that is important to cultivate as part of creating those shifts - principles of humility, curiosity, creativity and macro practices around co-inquiry, dialogue, generative conversation, narrative and story sharing”.

“If you don’t make the time for a different quality of engagement, you will not get a different quality of action”

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“learn to live the paradox of action as reflection, and reflection as action”

~ westley et al, getting to maybe
EXPLORING THE CURRENT STATE
ONE OF OUR FIRST ACTIVITIES WAS TO EXPLORE THE ‘CURRENT STATE’ AND CHALLENGE DOMINANT MYTHS
Tapping into their 5 senses:

participants captured photos of their surroundings that reflected a dominant story or theme in/of the current economy
THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY EXPLORATION OF POSSIBLE ‘FUTURE STATES’ AND IMAGINING NEW NARRATIVES
Participants visualised a landscape representing a wellbeing economy that would meet their needs.
Some key themes and threads that emerged from the collective imagining of possible future states included:

- rewilding
- planetary health
- non-human centred wellbeing, wellbeing of other beings
- change is possible, it can happen
- closer to nature
- hopeful for the future
- individualism versus collectivism
- how do we get from A to B?
- 21st version of a 19th century market town
- overcoming constraints of the current system on participation
- time and scarcity of time
We also heard about the state of our world in 2050, during an interview with time traveller Yannick Beaudoin

(from David Suzuki Foundation in disguise)
Questions triggered by what we heard about life in 2050 from our time traveller included:

Q How will spaces get created for alternate practices and different new ways of knowing and doing?

Q What does governance look like in 2050? What is the role of our governments and corporate structures?

Q What is role of nation states? Would they cede power to new planetary institutions and civic or bioregionally led networks of institutions?

Q Would there be periods of severe social disorder reacting to changes?

Q When everything is in a preferred state, what forms the purpose of individuals and collectives in the society?

Q What would be the unit of currency? What forms of exchange would you see?

Q How might Indigenous legal and governance systems shift worldviews?

Q How do we re-establish a sense of reverence for nature, of being part of and one with nature?
EMBODIMENT
(holophrasis and unpacking our word bundles)

HOLOPHRASIS

Melanie Goodchild guided us in an experiential learning exercise about holophrasis and unpacking of “the world inside our minds” through word bundles.

Participants chose a word they were emotionally connected to, ideally something linked to a learning circle concept, and reflected on it. They were asked to imagine this word no longer exists, and to then tell the story of that word. Inclusion of images and other languages was also encouraged.

This exercise included: individual journaling time, discussions in pairs and then small groups where participants were asked to find a way to join up and link their word bundles – to create “relational word bundles”.

Relational word bundles

Examples were shared in plenary, including the example below.

E: enable, empower  F: flourish
C: coherence, commons  O: own?
O: open  R: respectful, reflexive
N: nature  A: acceptance, agility
O: opportunity  L: life
M: meander  L: love
I: immersion
E: embodiment
S: space, spirit
HOLDING ON TO A COMPLEXITY MINDSET

Melanie Goodchild shared her wisdom about the patterns of binary thinking that we can fall back in to and why it is important for crystallising possible prototypes and pathways that we are holding a complexity mindset and are also accessing our dreaming/metaphoric minds.

“We have people now who are very clearly among the best scientists who are willing to agree that there are limits to the knowledge that science can have about nature. We’re reaching a place in which there’s ever wider agreement that poetry gives us as much information about our relationship with the universe as telescopes do, and that those two strains can live together and complement one another harmoniously. Those two things can happen, and that’s actually not dissimilar to my culture, which asserts that on the one hand there are dreams and visions and on the other hand there’s a responsibility to maintain a clear vision of reality. Those two streams of thoughts and reactions have to live cooperatively together”.


“I can now practice a way of reasoning that does not take sides but instead allows two opposites to dance together until the face of a third presence starts showing up”.

Arkan Lushwala, Deer & Thunder: Indigenous Ways of Restoring the World
THE ICEBERG OF THE FUTURE
WHAT WILL LIE BELOW THE SURFACE?

To enable integration of insights (to integrate our collective insights), a rapid synthesis saw participants explore the layers of an iceberg, working with the following questions about a desired ‘future state’:

Q What levels of awareness do we need to be operating from?
Q What beliefs and mental models will support the shift?
Q What are the structures that would be needed?
Q What are the behaviours and events would we like to see?
Q The brainstorm and the final synthesis are included as follows
What level of awareness might we need to be operating from?

Mental models: What deeply held beliefs and mental models might support the shift?
Structures: what structures or ‘rules of the game’ would be needed?

Patterns: What are some of the new patterns and behaviours we like to see?
Collective imagining: Well-being Economies for Canada and Sovereign Indigenous Nations

Regenerative, healing, connecting space
Healed people heal the planet, and a healed planet heals the people

Collective Action with aligned values
Care mongering
Participatory economies

Commitment to above social floor for all and below ecological ceiling
Policies for distributed wealth transfer
Leverage incentives for innovation (for collective good)

Abundance - there is enough for everyone
Tapping into seasons
Somatic notions: deep sense of connection
Flow: through life, through generations, seeing connections

HEALING & CARE – HUMILITY – THINKING BEYOND SELF – CONNECTING NARRATIVES – COMPASSION – ALLOWING TRAUMAS TO COMPLETE THEIR CYCLES – KEEPING IN MIND / MAKING SPACE FOR THOSE WHO DON’T HAVE A VOICE (HUMAN & OTHER) - CARE & HEALING FOR THE COLLECTIVE THROUGH CHANGE – CARE IN OUR USE OF LANGUAGE – SEEING THE WHOLE PERSON NOT JUST ECONOMIC VALUE – KNOW OUR PAST/S -

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**Reimagining Governance**
Re-building the governance of common pool resources

**Restoring the narrative**
Restore/rebuild a narrative based on relationship, community, reciprocity & wellbeing

**Well-being as the centre of economies**
Work towards a coherent vision of the kind of society we want – provide mechanisms for massive collaboration around deeply shared values

**Collective and inclusive leadership**
Flip the power in ownership structures, governance models, leadership and decision-making processes

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**Community led participatory approaches to development**

**Non-binary thinking – Recognising effects of colonisation on mindsets**

**An economy that services all of life instead of the other way around**

**Shift how we deal with “trust” & “risk”**

**Not to recreate colonial, damaging patterns**

**Operating from a place of trust and love**

**Participatory approaches to defining well-being economies**

**Who gets to decide?**

Commoning

**Community-led**

Challenging/upending notions of assumptions of ownership, property, accumulation of private wealth

**7 Generation thinking baked into all planning**

Participatory approaches need to be front and centre of everything

**Economies designed (in participatory ways) to be in service of wellbeing of peoples and natures**

**Ubuntu: I am because you/we are**

**We are nothing if not relational**

**A coming back to something**

Honouring our inter-connectedness

Fall in love with creation

**Who’s vulnerable?**

A genuine collective version of freedom

7 Generational Thinking

Moving beyond individualism

Myth of separation

**Parents & grandparents love their kids – intergenerational mindset**

**We need to be moving from a place of deep trust**

**What are the new images?**

The plant growing through and cracking concrete

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**Thinking critically & structurally – valuing vulnerability – valuing our full selves –**

**Act with self to connect with the other – feeling our feelings – processing our own traumas to complete their cycles – keeping in mind / making space for those who other** - care & healing for the collective through change – care in our use of person not just economic value – know our past/s -
PARTICIPANT REFLECTIONS ON THE ‘INTEGRATED ICEBERG INCLUDE’

Observations
A common question is “how do I start?”
It is the story that will be what inspires individuals.
A lot of the ideas are about relationships and healing and this requires emotional maturity rather than externalising the blame.
I’ve also been revisiting that change framework of trailblazer, illuminator, protector, and hospice roles. Also social movement and ecosystem investing resonates.
A core thing to teach would be what does consent really looks like and what does it mean for ourselves?

Questions
Q How much of what is in the iceberg is the shadow cast by the economy and societies that we have right now?
Q What is the institutional design now as we hospice modernity?
Q What is the role of existing States, governments, and organisations - and our existing ways of organising now?
Q How should our ways of ‘organising change’ be formed?
Q What might it mean for the individual going through this transition in a personal way?
Q What is the path we will take together through the iceberg?
Q How would we move towards greater emotional maturity as a society?
Q How are we involving youth and Elders in this work?
Q Would bringing different perspectives to the table on a more consistent basis help?
COLLECTIVE IMAGINING & CO-CREATING NEW STORIES AND PARADIGMS EMERGED FROM SELF-ORGANISING LEARNING CIRCLES
Participants brainstormed learning circle options in week 1 before joining a circle for a process of co-inquiry.

Learning circles evolved organically. The initial cluster of topics included:

**Topics**

1. Redefining Work
2. Reclaiming the narrative
3. Reimagining education systems (include diverse ways of knowing and being)
4. Shifting our ways of thinking: a) from binary to plurality
5. Restorative/regenerative/healing/thriving approaches
6. Indigenous ways of knowing/recovery/rejuvenation
7. Indigenous ways of collective & inclusive leadership - all beings
8. Collective & inclusive leadership - all beings
9. Wellbeing as priority and centre of economies
10. Reimagining institutions governance & structures
11. The transformation of the role of the sacred in economics to animate cultural evolution

“If one of the catalysts here is a fundamental shift in mindset, in worldview, in narrative, then what is the imagining and creating of new stories and paradigms that you would like to do? What is the work?”

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There was space held for the learning circles to work together over 3 sessions.

The learning circle journey was framed by a loose structure, offered as optional ‘scaffolding’ to support the collective work. Participants were invited to feel free to bring different structures or processes to their circle – recognising the diversity of expertise in the wider group. These learning circles were self-organising and participants were invited to drop in and out of circles, as they desired.

**Learning Circle #1**
Clarify & Create

Goal:
A “Challenge Statement” confirming your framing question for co-inquiry

**Learning Circle #2**
Create & Learn

Goal:
A table of “assumptions testing” and insights

**Learning Circle #3**
Adapt and Ask

Goal:
Development of a “North Star Statement”
A poem by David Whyte was shared on the importance of including ourselves in our actions for a desired future state.

START ‘CLOSE IN’.
by David Whyte

Start close in, don’t take the second step or the third,
start with the first thing close in,
the step you don’t want to take.
Start with the ground you know, the pale ground beneath your feet,
your own way of starting the conversation.
Start with your own question, give up on other people’s questions,
don’t let them smother something simple.

To find another’s voice, follow your own voice,
wait until that voice becomes a private ear listening to another.
Start right now take a small step you can call your own
don’t follow someone else’s heroics,
be humble and focused,
start close in,
don’t mistake that other for your own.

Eventually, 5 learning circles emerged
– exploring the follow areas of interest:

- Regenerative, healing, connecting space
- Collective and inclusive leadership
- Collective and inclusive leadership
- Well-being as a centre of economies
- Reimagining governance

Some initial framing and selected quotes from learning circle and plenary conversations are included below to convey the general sense of the discussions.

Given the complexity and depth of the conversations, these are tiny slivers of the whole.
CIRCLE: REGENERATIVE, HEALING, CONNECTING SPACE
Framing from initial conversations

Sometimes once you step over the fear of connection there can become an ease, like leaves coming together on a fall day that are rustled by the wind CALM

The blank spaces in your sentence are not for me to fill. This is not the same tabula rasa. This can not be us perpetuating the same narrative over and over, and hoping and praying and wishing like madmen - yes, men - for a different outcome.

I want to dismantle the suffocating bullshit that keeps us from each other, the punitive and carceral violence, of over/better, and come alongside, along with

I am tired of civility, Fuck solidarity with profit and harm. Fuck comfort

Maybe the disruption is already happening...I feel the cool waters moving below the surface. If I accept what lies beneath is flowing in natural form. It’s not the disruption that’s needed rather, a swift moving dance with the old patterned ripples and waves.

Healed people heal the planet, and a healed planet heals the people (from Ecko Aleck)

Broader reflections: On connecting space

“How do we help co-create the kinds of ‘economic spaces’ that don’t have the same qualities as those spaces that have come before? A place of oneness in every sense of the word”

“How do we deal with ourselves first -to take time to heal ourselves first?”

“How do we create the spaces for that eruption of healing to take place so we can blossom in to that wellbeing?”

“The current linear, non-relational economic algorithm is: how quickly can society convert nature to money using the cheapest possible labour. What would a healing/love based, nonlinear ‘algorithm’ look like?”
Broader reflections: On regenerative healing

“I think where we are heading is around the idea of processing intergenerational trauma, and recovering from the impacts of the legacies of so many exclusive destructive systems... shifting to a healing mindset”.

“Our regenerative healing group discussed the agency for healing and how does this relate to this well being economy? And the long and short of it for me was how do we put love back into everything? Right? Because if we’re coming from a place of love and light consistently, it’s hard, it’s very hard to do harm and wrong, having justice, to not forgive, to not thrive, to not support, to not transfer knowledge, to unlearn to relearn from that space”.

“When we talk about our heart, we also have to talk about the heart of the earth and the connectedness between all living things, and the reciprocity needed for that. A majority of us are so disconnected from a heart centred approach, because our systems continue to keep us on a very linear path. So how to do how do we disrupt that linear space?”
CIRCLE: COLLECTIVE AND INCLUSIVE LEADERSHIP
Learning circle initial challenge statement

**WE BELIEVE** private and public corporations, public institutions and governments, nonprofits and charities, and other organizations ...

**NEEDS A WAY TO** flip the power in ownership structures, governance models, leadership and decision-making processes,

**BECAUSE** consultation, engagement has not been enough and centring nature and communities with lived experience start to address where the status quo approaches haven fallen short.

**Broader reflections: on how to lead change**

“Creating an opportunity to push a given change is called accelerationism. That doesn’t seem to be our theory of change. Can a shared vision emerge that doesn’t require us to use short-term interventions while acknowledging urgency?”

“This challenges more than just the economic system that we’re in, but also all the Eurocentric notions of what we have to move the needle and what progress means. It’s not just progress towards something - but even the notion of movement itself and moving the needle instead of stillness and presence”.

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CIRCLE: WELL-BEING AS A CENTRE OF ECONOMIES
Learning circle initial challenge statement

WE BELIEVE everyone - including governments (at different levels), civil society, broader population (voters; communities; future voters), society broadly (media; corporations; banks; economic elites; etc)

NEEDS A WAY TO articulate the contours of and work towards coherent vision of the kind of society we want; start with values then go to goals; shift purpose of society/economy and reorient institutions towards that purpose; shift away from ‘risk management’ paradigm in government; de-silo in recognition of connections between everything; transform, with particularly attention to economy; change the narrative; shift mental models; tell a different story; have an accountability structure for harms caused by our current system; come up with a different way of measuring and tracking success; ensure that we are listening to a broader range of people; change how decisions are made and who makes them; change the models of decision-making so that more people are engaged; centres an Indigenous lens; find different paths to seize political power towards a vision that works for everyone including the planet; identify common language, metrics, message etc around this vision (8 year old girl safely bike to school); provide mechanisms for massive collaboration around deeply shared values; address inter-governmental challenges of federalism;

HOW leverage our collective skills and experience (eg what works in politics); build on existing work eg Fed Govt Dept Finance QoL framework; build on key momentum (eg emerging international consensus around key dimensions of WB - eg equity, sustainability); populate the space of what beyond-GDP looks like (many people interested/working on this from different perspectives & using different language - bring together);

BECAUSE the future of all people and the planet depend on it; the current system isn’t working for anyone; it’s in all of our best interest; because we are facing collapse (economic, social, planetary)

Broader reflections: On well-being as a centre of economies

“It is a healing economy, rather than a wellbeing economy?”

“It is the integration of the learnings of the regeneration, of healing spaces into the centre for well being economies - its purpose, its principles, and in ourselves. We recognize that this is not easy stuff, because it starts with us, each one of us who hold space, anywhere in the conversation”.
CIRCLE:
RECLAIMING (RESTORING) THE NARRATIVE
Learning circle initial challenge statement

WE BELIEVE everyone on Turtle Island..

NEEDS A WAY TO restore a narrative based on relationship, community, reciprocity, and well-being...

BECAUSE our lives and those of all our relations depend on it.

Broader reflections: On reclaiming the narrative – based on relati onality and relationships

“Relationships are the fabric from which experimentation emerges. We want to seed and strengthen relationships”.

“In any economy, it’s relational. It’s in between people. What is the exchange? And when we think about what the exchange is, it’s really what do we value? It’s in every interaction that we’re engaging in - how are my values enacted in this moment?”

“A lot of this work is around building relationships. And to me, that’s the only thing I really feel confident about. So if I’m supporting that happening, then I feel good”.

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CIRCLE:
REIMAGINING GOVERNANCE
Learning circle initial challenge statement

WE BELIEVE people at all scales (global, local, and in between)

NEEDS A WAY TO (re)build the governance of common pool resources

BECAUSE current approaches to governance are unable to adapt to the challenges we need to address our current crises

Governance is society, movements, awakening possibilities of self-transcendence

In the face of change how do we create economic security...?

Broader reflections: On reimagining governance

“And how do you create a governance that we can feel confident that will reflect back to us how we feel collectively?”

“We need to find ways to deal with process and policy in a more relational way. And sometimes when we fixate on metrics, we end up substituting metrics for relationships, and in doing so, we leave people out”

“What the teachings often reveal are the magic that sort of creates an intersection between what you’re describing and ecology in its richest form and quantum in complexity as it’s starting to emerge as a clear reality, but still inaccessible to us as humans”.

“How do we invite others into slowing down and observing themselves and others, and taking steps that reflect the deeper place of that?”

 ’Own’ relates to the notion of being apart FROM nature vs a part OF nature. The concept of owner ownership can be very individualised, which creates a lot of problems - Who owns this? Who does it belong to? And it can sometimes work against more of a commons or a shared valuing of things. It’s such a central concept to the idea of economy. It’s also probably one of the most problematic concepts in economy. And so that’s why we put the question mark on it was that there’s no way that we can talk about a new economy or about the things we were talking about, without being provocative around this notion of “own”. As in “my own” or “our own” or, there’s lots of different ways to slice this. So, we chose own, rather than ownership, because own on its own is standing there. You can stand very solid on the ground with own. You can be connected to nature with own”.
FINAL PLENARY

In our final session learning circle members reflected on the insights they had generated together and their individual experiences. Throughout these reflections and the plenary conversations, there was a strong focus on agency for healing and healing mindsets.

There was broad appetite from participants to be involved in next steps and ongoing dialogue.

SO WHAT IS THE WORK?

In the final plenary, a beautiful poem on the following page was created by Kevin Sutton, reflecting on ‘so what is the work’?
‘SO WHAT IS THE WORK?’

Kevin Sutton

A dismantling of selves, store bought branded identities that don’t fit cleanly, the seams seem unseemly. and how could anything be tailor-made when the measurements are a mystery buried under a trauma history

Narratives criss-cross like bladed scars that still cut to the quick the layers thick, like covers I hide under In spite of myself Trying to leave myself a space to breathe for my chest to heave when sobbing for an exhale to leave without robbing me of inspiration without a chance for respiration to not feel like work.

So what is the work? Navigating our boundaries like fencing with our viscera like fencing between how we want to be together like fencing in and thrusting out In hopeful acceptances and guilty pleasures self-suppressive emergency measures to sidestep this awkward pacing of how we are not actually the same person. I am not you and you are not me and there is no “we” unless we dance together and step on each other’s toes until we become familiar with where our feet will be in the music. And then we have to use it Delicately blending intentions Elegantly upending conventions some place beyond the tension between expectations unspoken and a truth unbroken. We need to weave these threads together without missing a stitch or turning into a complete bitch to find those who revel in our bitching until we collapse into stitches. And all of that sounds like a lot of work.

So what is the work? When we gather in clusters of “us”s and “them”s that blend defended in pretenses and premises and come together around a mutual separation. And maybe it isn’t worth the patience to understand why we look and see things differently There is a casual oxytocin violence to camaraderie in wanting attachment to be familiar like mirrors The shimmer glimmers almost too attractively but the sheen is more oil slick than glitter bomb Because once the glimmer is gone we’re left with all the pieces that didn’t fit leftover, left out. Which leaves our communities hopelessly fractured internally. Without the whole of you and me How could our communities ever be complete?

We struggle to fit in and be seen. But what does either of those things mean? If we end up sacrificed for one another. and so we hover between acceptance and fulfillment between rejection and commitment between our exceptions and our brilliance And it never seems to work.

So what is the work? There’s a power differential that drives the societal engine purposely steering it off a cliff of unbalancing So there can be some profit from the global rug pull No wonder truly living is a dying art It’s like we’re operating from our collective intrusive thoughts seeping in from other universes where we made the worst choices Now floating in the collective unconscious like sea plastic unless we do something drastic. We won’t live through this power to make a killing.
And the meaning of life is that we are meaning makers
the quest givers and the quest takers
and the journey itself transforms the story of self
the struggles are wealth
that challenge our boundaries health
and there is rhythm in our intimacy
Sheet music that weaves harmony from dissonance
In clusterfuck of inspired reflections
and refractions
Emerging storylines all hoping to twist the plot
Evolve new generative and intrusive thoughts

Then untangle the strangling of our oceans
Liberate the manhandling of our notions
And when our lives divide
Find each other in the quotient.

Let’s design with this in mind
Respect the gravity, yet leave room to fly
Let our heads measure what makes our hearts sing
because there is room for all of you and all of me
for all we do and all we see
for both tears and breath
for both now and yet
for both hope and regret
but don’t forget
to show your work.
LOOKING BEYOND THE SUMMIT

Yannick Beaudoin and Tara Campbell made the invitation to everyone to be part of the work going forward, sharingsome thoughts on possible ways to continue connections and momentum.

“There’s a some new webs that are being forming through this, and lots of old friends and familiar faces that have come into this new space as well. And we’re bringing in our own webs of relations here. So that’s been really beautiful to see. And I think that that’s something we want to continue doing. That takes a long time to build those kind of strong, strong webs. And that’s where the work we will one day do together and that we’re already doing together will emerge from and get stronger... so we will be keeping in touch with everyone, and expanding the invitation continually”.

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REFLECTIONS
ON THE PROCESS

“We are being in collective practice together, starting with a shared vision, but letting go and remaking that vision as we go, always moving, rhythmic belonging, taking turns, adjusting self and others, finding the place beautiful”

“Some of the threads of connection were around the words and ideas that we were bringing work - primarily around a sense of healing, the sense of activating different intelligences and how we do that? And a sense of the sacred. And there was a great deal of connection in that”.

“We had lots of questions and a yearning and longing to continue the discussion rather than put a bow on it for now”.

“It’s beautiful process to the awaken, to bring people into this expansiveness and understanding. And I was thinking ‘this is really interesting I’m in a group now dancing. I’m coming with this broad complexity mindset’. So we were able to find the nodes and the threads within that that could still connect, coming from these two places dancing together”.
Participants and facilitators shared references and inspiration across the summit

Suggested references and inspiration from the group:

Raffi All I Really Need with Lyrics: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eerjiaH8dRE

The interview with the time traveller exercise reminded me of reading this book:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Ministry_for_the_Future

Or this one: http://www.chapelstreeteditions.com/letters-from-the-future.html

As well as this one: https://www.chapters.indigo.ca/en-ca/books/hospicing-modernity-facing-humanitys-wrongs/9781623176242-item.html?campaign=google-

DSA_Books&gclid=Cj0KCQjw06OTBhC_ARIsAAU1yOW4QyJo3L1F-TlWwp1IgYkk5xRTtk6dSWAe0cY-159NV0IYQcEuM6oaAkSMEALw_wcB&gclsrc=aw.ds

I was very keen on Jason Hickel’s opening Chapters of Less is More on this. Outlines the philosophical underpinnings of capitalism https://www.jasonhickel.org/less-is-more

Sacred Civics: Building Seven Generation Cities imagines shaping cities as if peoples, lands and natures were sacred. https://www.routledge.com/Sacred-Civics-Building-Seven-Generation-Cities/Engle-Agyeman-Chung-Tiam-Fook/p/book/9781032059112

Centre for Economic Democracy report on social movement investing: https://www.economicdemocracy.us/mvpt


Legitimacities: https://mcconnellfoundation.ca/report/legitimacities/

Quality of Life Hub: https://www160.statcan.gc.ca/index-eng.htm

Put the Grandmas in the Central Bank: http://metisinthecity.blogspot.com/2022/05/put-grandmas-in-central-bank.html?m=1


https://jabsc.org/index.php/jabsc/issue/view/229


Thomas Hübl https://thomashuebl.com/

Thank you