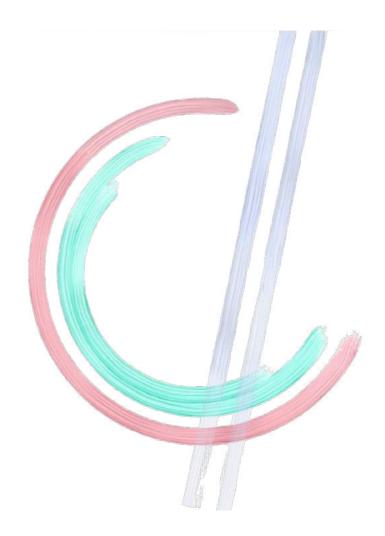


# **WSIF Network Summit 2021**

# Living In Between Spaces

4-8 August 2021 at the Goetheanum and Streamed Online



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#### Overview

# **Living In Between Spaces**

**Context** The world changed in 2020 with Fridays for Future urging conscious action for the health of the planet, the untimely death of George Floyd raising awareness on systemic racism, and the challenges experienced in the cultural, rights, and economic spheres emerging out of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Out of these global challenges, the World Social Initiative Forum (WSIF) organized WSIF Network Summit 2021: Living In Between Spaces to create a hybrid platform where we could discuss and look at the phenomena behind the social issues we face as a global community COVID-19, climate change, poverty, isolation due to lockdowns, technology, marginalization and inequality. Moreover, it was a gathering of different individuals to share how they are practicing aspects of Rudolf Steiner's Social Threefolding in their respective initiatives.

July to November 2020 To widen its reach and make the conversation available to people seeking inspiring and practical ways of dealing with the pandemic, WSIF launched a free 5-part monthly Web-Seminar Series on Facebook Live. This also became a preparation for the Network Summit.<sup>1</sup>

**31 Jul 2020** What Now?: Social Needs of Today with Helmy Abouleish and Joan Sleigh

What are the current social challenges we face as a global community and how can we address them?

**28 Aug 2020** The Power of Commitment: Safeguarding What is Human with Ute Craemer and Daisuke Onuki How can we actively participate in transforming society with a sense of freedom and responsibility?

**25 Sep 2020** What is My Place: The Challenges of Inclusion with James Sleigh and Bart Vanmechelen What kind of community do we envision that embraces each one's uniqueness and how can we make it happen?

**30 Oct 2020** Reconnecting: Transformative Villages of the Future with Maaianne Knuth and Grace Zozobrado-Hahn How can we build conscious villages that connect us to nature and empower each other?

**27 Nov 2020** Social Threefolding: The Key to Radical Change with Gerald Häfner, Joan Melé & Sergio Gaiti Why is radical change needed in our time and how is Social Threefolding a key that can offer such a change?

**March-June 2021** This was followed by a 4-part Public Online Workshop Series aligned with Steiner's Social Threefolding. <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Video access available at the WSIF Youtube Channel

**26 Mar 2021** Finding the Spirit of Place for Integrated Cultural Development with Aonghus Gordon

Focused on the fourfold human being - physical, etheric, astral and I, we can find how the cultural is linked to an evolutic context

**30 April 2021** <u>Societal Change through Initiative with Cecilia Adasme Escobar</u>

The organization as a social living organism and as a meeting place for people who resonate with the same ideals

**21 May 2021** <u>From Free Market to Market Free: Moving to Associative Economic Practices with John Bloom</u>

If human dignity is to be at the core of economic life, how can we move from seeing how interdependent we are in the material world to a place of compassion, in which we work to meet others' needs rather than ours

25 June 2021 Regenerative Ecology: A Path to Sustainable and Permanent Solutions with Sundeep Kamath

Regenerative Ecology offers resilient and circular solutions for our current crisis of biodiversity loss and climate change.

**Regular Online Network Meetings** were also organised for WSIF Network Members. Through conversations with our network members, three important themes emerged - leadership (self-identity), vulnerability (authenticity), and commitment (spiritual striving and service).

Preparing for the Network Summit The WSIF team decided to push through with the in-person Forum after the Ministry of Health in Switzerland announced that 100 people were allowed to participate in indoor events and a Zoom meeting took place with the contributors who all agreed with the decision. The design of the program was discussed in detail and crystallized when the team met in-person in Dornach (hosts, activities, tech support). The advertisements and registration were also in full-swing by June. Since WSIF Project Leader Joan Sleigh was only able to join the Forum via Zoom due to travel restrictions, the pre-and after Forum Team meetings were held onsite and online. All technical support and logistics were undertaken by the WSIF team, with the generous support, assistance and infrastructures provided by the Goetheanum.

Initial Goals and Outcomes WSIF Network Summit 2021: Living In Between Spaces to Enhance Co-working in the World aims to explore significant aspects of what is living and dying in a global social transformation. The main question of the Forum was: How do you enhance what is living in your organization, enliven individual potential, and manifest a healthy social environment?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ibid.



Aligned with the WSIF Vision-Mission and in-tuned with the current global situation, the initial goals of the Forum were:

- 1. to explore Social Threefolding in practice and principle as tools for addressing the challenges arising from COVID-19, climate change and systemic inequality;
- 2. to re-enliven social encounters after months of social distancing/isolation;
- 3. to share and learn anthroposophically-inspired practices in social work as examples of Ethical Individualism, and
- 4. to inspire new initiatives and partnerships.

In terms of achieving Goals 1 and 3, we believe that the Forum was able to provide diverse, inspiring and practical perspectives on Social Threefolding through keynote lectures and panel discussions led by an intercultural, intergenerational, interdisciplinary and gender-represented group of experts in their respective fields. The speakers have years of experience in practicing aspects of Social Threefolding in their different initiatives and according to their local contexts.

- 1 **Cultural Development:** Nathaniel Williams, Free Columbia (USA); Rodrigo Rubido, Instituto ELOS (Brazil) and Simone de Picciotto, Hit the Beat (Germany)
- 2 **Societal Change**: Dottie Zold, Elderberries 3Fold Café (USA); Kristine Buckbee, Alliance Aliant (USA); Gerald Häfner, Section for Social Sciences-Goetheanum (Switzerland) and Sophia Santi, Consorcio, Desarollo y Justicia (Venezuela)
- 3 **Associative Economy**: Dr. Annette Massmann, GLS Future Foundation for Development (Germany); Helmy Abouleish, SEKEM (Egypt); Andrea Valdinoci, WGA (Switzerland) and Sergio Gaiti, Etica Sostenibile (Italy)
- 4 **Regenerative Ecology**: Jean-Michel Florin, Section for Agriculture-Goetheanum (Switzerland); Maaianne Knuth, Kufunda Village (Zimbabwe) and Dr.med. Grace Zozobrado-Hahn, Koberwitz 1924, Inc (Philippines)

There was also a space given for both onsite and online participants to ask their questions and share their insights, experiences and initiatives during the panel discussions and interactive conversations.

In relation to Goal 2, we experienced that *merging* online and onsite meetings cannot fully meet what a true encounter entails. The new question for us is how to balance wider reach and access, which an online Forum can provide, with in-person gatherings, which we see as important in building and realizing a living network.

Based from the requests and feedback from onsite participants, we also realized the *importance of arts, movement, conversations, and communing with nature* opening the day singing together, doing body percussion, listening to the cello before the lectures, expressing one's processes through drawings and mind maps, an evening conversation in pairs as a reflection of the day while walking around the Goetheanum gardens,

and the social art of meeting in such a diverse circle. As one participant shared, "It all starts with genuine interest and listening to really encounter one another."

For Goal 4, a few intentions for projects and partnerships came up in the onsite gathering. A further study or survey on this will be conducted through the network meetings and interviews in the following months.

Attendance Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19 regulations in Switzerland, the WSIF team only decided to go ahead with the in-person Forum after the Ministry of Health announced on May 26 that 100 people were allowed in indoor events and after a consensus was reached with the contributors to continue with a Hybrid Forum during a Zoom meeting which took place in June.

Looking at travel restrictions and quarantine requirements needed for some countries, the team projected 30 people to attend onsite and 50-70 people to attend online.

Unfortunately, the number of participants was less than expected. 23 participants attended onsite (including contributors, volunteers, and team members) and 60 registered online. The highest online attendance was 28 participants during "Associative Economy" and 25 participants during "Regenerative Ecology".

We concluded that the reasons for the low attendance were due to: travel restrictions within and outside Europe (high flight ticket prices, vaccination requirements/COVID-tests), weaker reach of WSIF with partner organizations in Switzerland and within Europe, wide scope of the theme and unspecified target audience, and that the online schedule was too long for people to participate in.

Problems Encountered and Finding Solutions The main problem the team faced during the Forum was around bridging the online and the onsite spaces. Through the introduction of more art, music, movement and walks in nature within the program, the team tried to reduce the "Zoom fatigue" expressed by the onsite participants. During these sessions - which could only happen inperson - Joan Sleigh and one of the team members facilitated conversations over Zoom for the online participants to reflect on the content from the day.

The schedule was also too full for a hybrid format. For such a network meeting to hold true to its purpose, the team learned that there should be enough space in between for the participants to socialize, network freely, and rest. Connecting Social Threefolding with the targeted SDGs explicitly as planned was also not met.

Technical difficulties also occurred, such as poor internet reception from the side of the online contributors and powerpoint presentations not working. The powerpoint presentation and recorded lectures were included in the After-Forum Packet, which was sent to the participants and contributors.



**Recommendations** Based on the lessons we learned in organizing such a hybrid Forum, as well as from the feedback received from the participants and contributors, we recommend the following to be implemented in our future Forums:

- 1. Create separate programs and teams responsible for onsite and online Forums happening either separately or simultaneously with keynote lectures streamed live and recorded;
- 2. Provide space for Network Members and Forum Participants to share their initiatives (Marketplace of Initiatives) and/or to discuss social issues of their interest. Invite younger people to be keynote lecturers, panelists or presenters;
- 3. Give enough room for breaks where participants and contributors have a healthy breather in-between;
- 4. Keep the same ticket prices to make it affordable and accessible to our target audience. Include PWD and senior citizens in the supported list. Provide free access to volunteers.
  - Onsite 150 CHF
  - Online Supporting 100 CHF
  - True Price 50 CHF
  - Supported 20 CHF
- 5. Have a specific Topic per Forum for example, one Forum on the Cultural Sphere, following year on the Rights Sphere, then next on the Economic Sphere with a clear target audience in mind. Explicitly connect Social Threefolding with targeted SDGs depending on the Forum theme.
- 6. Reach out to social initiatives and organizations outside the Anthroposophic Circle (i.e Greenpeace)
- 7. Include practical hands-on sessions, artistic activities, movement, and time to connect with nature in the program.

**Summary** To conclude, WSIF Network Summit 2021: Living In Between Spaces was able to provide a platform where representatives from different social initiatives could share how they practice principles from Rudolf Steiner's Social Threefolding in their work, the challenges they encounter, and the impact they make in their community.

Diversity and representation were also achieved by inviting individuals coming from different cultures and backgrounds to give the keynote lectures, participate in the panel discussions and facilitate workshops. Looking at the roster of contributors and participants who attended, the Forum was indeed an inclusive gathering intercultural, intergenerational, interdisciplinary, and gender-balanced.

Though the Forum was organized and hosted by a team of younger people with older people in equal coworking, we would like to invite young social entrepreneurs to share their initiatives and work with us in future Forums. This will ensure bridging of generations in various contributions. We would also aim for holistic and transdisciplinary approaches and methods in our Forums by integrating arts, crafts, movement, nature studies, and the art of creating spaces of meeting.

Looking ahead, we will continue our Online Network Meetings for Network Colleagues only - as we deepen the themes on leadership (self-identity), vulnerability (authenticity), and commitment (spiritual striving and service).

WSIF East Africa Forum 2021: Living to Learn is still underway, as we plan with our partners Rudolf Steiner School Mbagathi, East African Association of Waldorf Schools and Kawangware/Kangemi Community Schools an online Lecture Series to support the work of the teachers, parents, and non-teaching staff within the challenges of Covid restrictions and the Art of Learning and Teaching in the Digital Age. This 7-part online series will prepare the in-person gathering rescheduled to take place in December 2022. The decision to postpone the Forum was due to the strict regulations of in-person gatherings announced recently in Kenya.

The 6-month online program WSIF Leadership in Transformation is also being designed and organized. Starting in January 2022, WSIF LIT will first conduct a Leadership Intensive Series to build the foundation of the actual program which will be launched in October:

- 1. From limitation to potentiality "I as I" (Freedom in Culture)
- 2. From power to agreement "I and You" (Equality in Rights)
- 3. From competition to collaboration "I and You as We" (Association in Economy)
- 4. From scarcity to abundance "We, the World and Beyond" (Cooperation in Agriculture)

All participants will be invited to open the full program with an in-person WSIF Forum in July 2022 in partnership with Ruskin Mill Trust, with whom we are also developing research as part of the online Leadership Program.

An upcoming Forum in the US is also being planned with partner organizations Elderberries 3fold Café and Sunbridge International Collective.

Other pending projects include a Project-Based Essential Skills Program for youth, ongoing studies on Social Threefolding, a possible collaboration with WGA and Freunde, and other professional development training that will equip the team in providing efficient and competent service to the network.

We are also focusing on nurturing our relationship with our colleagues and searching for new partners outside the anthroposophical community - as we mutually strive towards equal partnership for societal transformation, cooperation in the healing of our planet, and consciously upholding human dignity and becoming.



# Managing Risks and Chances

The greatest challenge encountered was organizing the Forum within the uncertainties of it taking place due to the changing COVID-19 regulations worldwide.

- 1. Unpredictable travel and events regulations due to COVID-19
- 1. Hybrid Model
- a. Streamed live with recorded access: Keynote Lectures + Panel Discussions, WSIF Building a Living Network, and Leading Thoughts
- b. Streamed live only: Interactive Sessions
- c. Only for Onsite Participants: Music & Movement Mornings, Workshops, and Open Space on Leadership, Vulnerability and Commitment
- 2. Network Members and Forum Contributors asking for financial support to attend the Forum
- 2. 3 volunteers helped the breakfast/snacks preparation and were given a Forum Pass as a gift to their valuable contribution.
- b.Because of the generous support of our sponsors and the careful allocation of our funds, we were able to sponsor the transportation costs of 3 contributors who attended onsite.
- c. Out of 60 registrations for online access, 35 people paid the Forum Pass, majority of which availed the normal price (50 CHF). The 25 registrants who were not able to attend were still given access to all recordings of the Keynote Lectures + Panel Discussions, WSIF Building a Living Network, and Leading Thoughts for free.



"A healthy social life is found only when, in the mirror of each soul, the whole community finds its reflection, and when, in the whole community, the virtue of each one is living." - Rudolf Steiner, 1919, Social Motto: Anthroposophy and the Social Question (GA 34)



# **Measuring Impact**

On the last Forum day, the onsite participants wrote their insights and feedback on the "Freedom Board" and convened in a conversational "Harvest Session" with the online participants. Both onsite and online participants were asked to answer the feedback form at the end of the Summit. Out of 55 participants, 40% filled-out the evaluation form (12 onsite and 10 online). Based on our initial aims in terms of the Forum's short-term and long-term impacts, along with the team debriefing and participants' feedback, we conclude the following:

- 1. be informed of the influence of COVID-19, climate change, and other systemic problems such as racism and violations on human rights on the current global situation and how these affect the cultural/spiritual, political/rights, and economic/ecological spheres
- MET Keynote Lectures, Panel Discussions, Workshops and Open Dialogues centered on these issues and both contributors and participants shared how they are addressing these current challenges in their localities and personal contexts.
- 2. find different tools and strategies to build sustainable and ecological social initiatives through Social Threefolding
- MET The contributors explicity gave examples, tools and strategies how to safeguard freedom in the cultural sphere, nurture equality in the rights sphere, and cultivate cooperation in the economic sphere. The participants expressed their reflections on these and a few see how they can implement them in their current work/initiatives.
- 3. create prototypes of action plans that can be implemented in the different social initiatives designed according to the needs of their localities, as well as the culture and ways of their people
- CANNOT BE DETERMINED YET This could be an implicit impact that the participants can undertake only according to their needs and resources, as well as out their own free will and initiative. A further study or survey on this will be conducted through the network meetings and interviews in the following months.
- 4. celebrate the accomplishments and projects being implemented by the WSIF Network in their respective countries
- **PARTIALLY MET -** Only a few initiatives presented their projects due to the limits of a hybrid format.
- 5. provide contemplative spaces and open discussion on Anthroposophy for participants
- MET For onsite participants, this space was created through Dottie Zold's workshop on the 8-Fold Path. Open Discussion on Anthroposophy was achieved both online and onsite through the Keynote Lecture themes and workshops, explicitly discussing aspects of Social Threefolding. Most participants know or have applied Social Threefolding and Anthroposophy in their work and personal development.



6. strengthen active partnerships among WSIF Network Members and between WSIF and the Sections at the Goetheanum

**PARTIALLY MET -** Only a few members participated in the Forum. Collaborations with the Social Science Section, Agriculture Section and World Goetheanum Association were achieved through their contributions in the Keynote Lectures and Panel Discussion.

7. honor the people, land, and culture of countries represented through one-to-one encounters, ecological activities (gardening and clean-up drive), and appreciating music and dance through open stage

PARTIALLY MET - Due to the COVID-19 regulations, the ecological activities and open stage did not transpire. Culture exchange and appreciating music achieved through conversations, music and movement session with Simone de Picciotto every morning, and musical introduction before the beginning of the Keynote lectures.

8. inspire new start-up social initiatives and/or active partnerships that will support holistic education, healthy human development, and an empathic community in service of individual becoming

**CANNOT BE DETERMINED YET -** This could be an implicit impact that the participants can undertake only according to their needs and resources, as well as out their own free will and initiative. A further study or survey on this will be conducted through the network meetings and interviews in the following months.

9. follow-up and nurture self-directed initiatives and social enterprises regionally, based on the core understanding of Anthroposophy and that the dignity of every human being lies at the center of all social interaction and positive change

**IN PROGRESS** - This can be nurtured through the network, network meetings, and upcoming Forums.

"Until one is committed, there is hesitancy, the chance to draw back. Concerning all acts of initiative and creation, there is one elementary truth, the ignorance of which kills countless ideas and splendid plans: that the moment one definitely commits oneself, then Providence moves, too.

All sorts of things occur to help one that would never otherwise have occurred. A whole stream of events issues from the decision, raising in one's favour all manner of unforeseen incidents and meetings and material assistance, which no one could have dreamed would have come his way. Whatever you can do, or dream you can do, begin it.

Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it. Begin it now." WH Murray, 1951, The Scottish Himalayan Expedition



# **Allocation of Funds**

The allocation for bus transportation and accommodation at Rudolf Steiner School Birseck were cancelled due to a small number of participants who attended onsite. Contributors, team members and some participants were either hosted by Swiss branch members or friends of WSIF. A generous contribution from Clearspring Ltd. provided healthy snacks during breaks. Technical equipment used for the event, writing materials for the workshops, and aid with online payments were generously provided by the Goetheanum. Lecturers and panelists agreed on receiving a Forum Pass in exchange for their contribution. Some onsite workshop contributors requested aid for their travel costs.

	CHF	EUR
INCOME		
Fundraising		
(Mahle Stiftung)	(5,500.00)	(5,000.00)
(Stiftung Edith Maryon)	(4,000.00)	(3,735.38)
(World Goetheanum Association)	(4,000.00)	(3,735.38)
Forum Tickets		
(Onsite Participants) x 13 pax	(1,913.54)	(1,787.74)
(Online Participants)		
supporting at 100 CHF x 2 pax	(200.00)	(186.86)
normal price at 50 CHF x 19 pax	(955.04)	(891.63)
supported at 20 CHF x 8 pax	(144.53)	(135.04)
TOTAL	(16,713.11)	(15,472.03)
EXPENSES		
Organizational Costs	6,150.00	5,746.09
Transportation	3,736.91	3,484.41
Accommodation	791.00	738.88
Contribution to the Goetheanum		
(workshop rooms & Section for Social Sciences)	1,500.00	1,401.14
Transaction Fee	,	,
(incoming online payments at 6%)	180.79	167.78
Miscellaneous		
(food, grocery, cards & gifts for contributors)	3,718.35	3,472.97
TOTAL	16,077.02	15,011.27
GAIN	(636.09)	(460.76)
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GIFTS		
Contribution = Forum Pass		
150 CHF/Forum Pass (Keynote + Workshop onsite, Volunteers)		
5 onsite contributors & 3 volunteers	1,200.00	1,119.88
50 CHF/Forum Pass (Keynote online, Colleagues WSIF East Africa)	550.00	512.94
9 online contributors	330.00	312.94
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# **SCHOLARS**

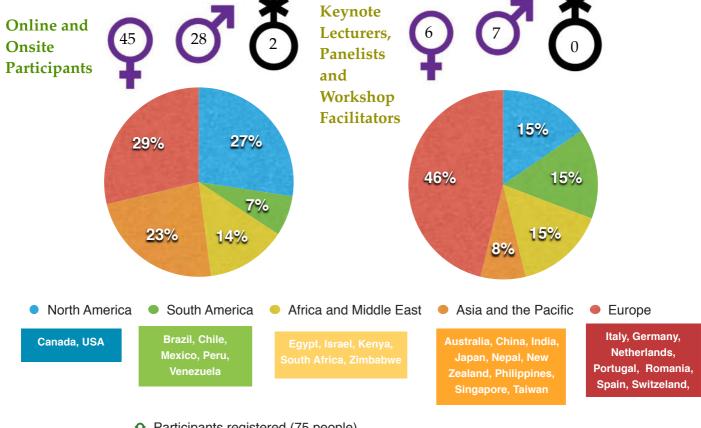
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unpaid and received recorded lectures/panel discussions

#### In Numbers



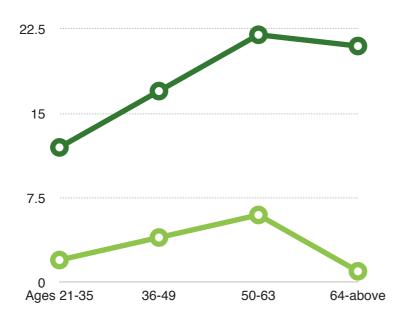
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- Participants registered (75 people)
- Contributors (13 people)

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Forum Feedback Questionnaire Here



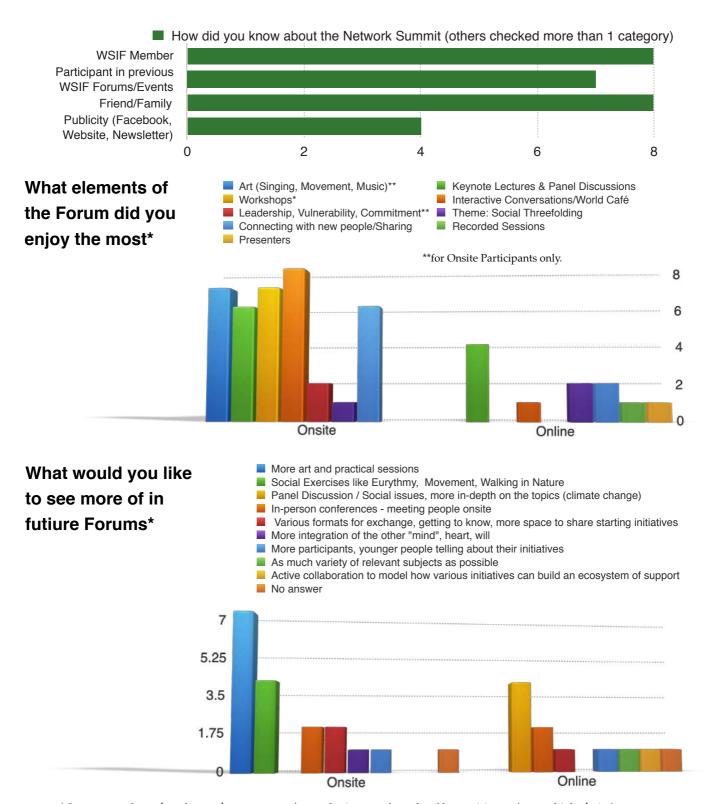


## **Forum Evaluation**

# Feedback from the Participants

Onsite Participants = 12 people (50% of attendees / N=25) | Online Participants = 10 people (35% of attendees / N=30)

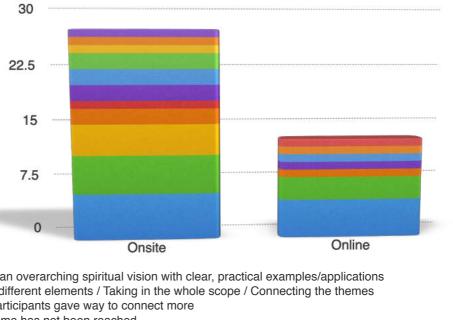
Total Evaluation Forms answered by Participants = 22 Filled-out Forms (40% of online/onsite attendees / N=55)



<sup>\*</sup> Some respondents shared more than one aspect/example. Answers formulated by participants (not multiple choice).



What aspects of the Forum were most effective and relevant in your work\*



Everything

Possibility of gaining an overarching spiritual vision with clear, practical examples/applications

Weaving together of different elements / Taking in the whole scope / Connecting the themes

Not having a lot of participants gave way to connect more

Deepening of the theme has not been reached

Leadership, Vulnerability, Commitment & Social Aspect

■ Being inspired by how others are implementing aspects of Social Threefolding/making changes in the world

Meeting in person, new contacts, experience people brought

Workshops

Interactive Conversations

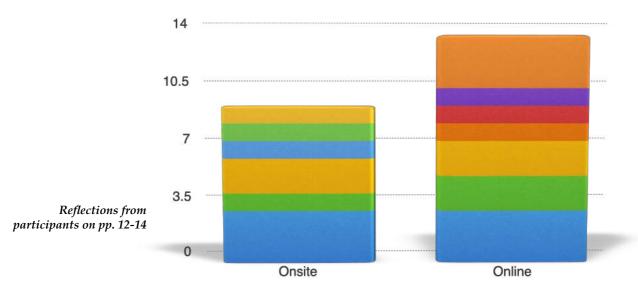
Keynote Lectures: Associative Economy and Regenerative Ecology

No answer

**Did the Network Summit inspire** any new initiative or joint venture? If so, please tell us about it \*

Inspired my current work/projects I am currently developing Inspiring that it highlights overall global awareness and clamour for integration Online Training Sessions and Charter Social Contribution and Team Work Definitely - WSIF in Holland and Europe Hopefully in the future I got more motivation to begin a social business Inspired with lots of new ideas but no concrete initiative yet, still germinating

Joint project / initiative with another attending organization / regional hub



<sup>\*</sup> Some respondents shared more than one aspect/example. Answers formulated by participants (not multiple choice).



"I appreciated very much that we had the onsite eventbeing inspired by how others are spreading their light through their activity despite the challenges. Another good space as to link theory and practice, from inner aspects towards the practical life - the open space for leadership, vulnerability and commitment which made it very helpful to explore how to connect from the ideal lectures to my practical life. Workshop with Sergio was very helpful as to express concerns that I had and also to receive a clear picture of the practicality of the threefold social initiative." (Female, 32, Romania)

"In the workshop, it became really clear that making space in yourself to receive the presence of the other and the world is essential for the worldwide shift in consciousness that is now happening. This conference has both aspects connected in a really beautiful way as these words of Rudolf Steiner express: When in the soul of the individual is reflected the whole world and in the world lives...I really enjoyed the conference and experienced a growth to deeper connection throughout the days. The organisation also adjusted the program to the experiences of the participants in a very good way. I think you did a great job!!! Thanks for all." (Male, 61, NL)

"I really appreciate the preparation and organisation. I loved every moment being here! You did a wonderful job. " (Female, 57, Germany)

# Additional Feedback From Onsite Participants

"There were some spaces of sharing in groups where I felt a little bit in hurry. In my feeling and understanding, I would need a little bit more time to not feel under pressure in a intimate moment of sharing where feeling confortable is very important... You brought in very interesting people with very current anthroposophical perspectives, in my opinion. Some of the evening closings with Joan were very beautiful and inspiring. It's always healing to listen to her. So, as I said, congratulations and thanks to all for the work done and for the group you form." (Male, 23, Spain)

"Brought my consciousness to the connections between everything (spaces)." (Female, 27, US)

"The new contacts and the conversations with the people here at the forum I found really enriching - to get opinions, ideas and feedback to my questions." (Male, 30, Switzerland)

"I am very thankful to all of you in the organisation. You have done a wonderful work with so much care, attention and subtlety. The program had a good balance and you were also flexible in making a few adaptations." (Female, 55, Netherlands)

"What we do here in small is actually very big!" (Female, 91, Netherlands)

# From Online Participants

"It was a great lecture and amazing panel discussion including world café and even opening with Joan! Alone in myself I tend to have a challenge navigating between the spaces...coming together -connecting realizing that many are doing the same allows for community and finding and supporting each other on this course then comes the individual freedom again! Thank you and the WSIF team for creating this Social initiative...I understand better now what WSIF is about...reading it, it sounded so complex. In this exchange it is tangible what the mission and vision is and how relevant (it is) for our living communities - To really work out of gratitude! Thank you." (Female, 46, Kenya)

"Not very effective unfortunately. It would have been better if the program had continued with the themes of the Sekem meeting I attended 1 1/2 year ago. For instance discussion between younger and older people. For instance about the Ecosystem Restoration camp movement: https://ecosystemrestorationcamps.org/Why is there no connection, or with for instance refugee initiatives? Why can no lectures / presentations be given by younger people? There was no connection made between the on-line and on-site participants. So the social group feeling was almost absent. Information / abstracts should been given before the lecture. Initiatives can better be presented by interviews, blogs or other visual ways." (Male, 71, Netherlands)

"...getting to know each other and setting intention break-out rooms online so that we can really feel that it is a community." (Other, 37, Philippines)

"I think the panel form was interesting, to see how an area was explored from multiple perspectives. I think this would be even better in person and in a non-hybrid situation." (Male, 41, US)

"Yes. We have a group that has been exploring aspects of economics and we are going to try to source sustainable, local and ethically produced goods that we all use.

And a hub in South Africa" (Female, 61, South Africa)

"I always love WSIF as a social contributor who works with full energy." (Male, 40 Nepal)

"(It) inspired me to continue the work we do in our part of the world, while feeling spiritually connected to all others around the world working in allied fields and with the similar goal of a world which respects individuality and freedom and which places value on ecology, health, peace. Thank you for all the hard work which made the conference possible, the hard work during the conference itself and the hard work to bring all the recordings/documentations, etc. into a final report, upon which future work can be based" (Female, 60, Philippines)



#### Harvests & Seeds for the Future

Reflections from onsite participants gathered on 8.Aug.21

# **Keynote Lectures & Panel**



# 4.Aug Cultural Development | Nathaniel Williams, Rodrigo Rubido, Simone de Picciotto

- Fund culture with gratitude
- Very connected and clear lecture of Nathaniel: the cultural DNA of the US has these traces of the battle of interdependency (adversaries are always in relation)
- "Empathy has atrophied because we multitask", Nathaniel Williams
- Diversity reflects and develops individuality.
- Freedom can be developing empathy for the other and thus widening my freedom.

# 5.Aug Social Development | Dottie Zold , Gerald Häfner, Sophia Santi with guests Kristin Buckbee and Frank Agrama

Only change will be possible if we change our social behavior by asking questions to each other! Being interested in the other - First of all!
 Creating space for the other is really brought into practice by Dottie and her colleagues at Elderberries Café. Very much touched by that and meeting Dottie and Frank!

Uniting together and staying connected to strengthen ourselves and one another
 The smallest step together with the ones way behind is the foundation for this new World Relationship. It's starting with my own I and grows to a sense of the "I" of the world





# 6.Aug Associative Economy | Dr. Annette Massmann, Helmy Abouleish, Andrea Valdinoci, Sergio Gaiti

- Money as directed thoughtfulness
- Let's make money "human" again!
- Capital as flowing spirit in the world
- Affordable Agriculture is BD, not chem
- Value Creation NOT equal to Price
- Inspiring thought: Farms are the villages of the future!
- Inspiring initiatives being presented that gives hope for the future! Idealistic and realistic!

# 7.Aug Regenerative Ecology | Jean-Michel Florin, Maaianne Knuth, Dr.med. Grace Zozobrado-Hahn

- The earth as one living organism
  - Create space for all beings
  - Integrate insted of separate
- Let the elements work together in the landscape and each being may have its space. And maybe there, then earth becomes healthy and we, too!
- Inclusion and Diversity = We are not at war with nature!
   Agriculture is culture!





# Workshops & Open Space

### **Harvests & Seeds for the Future**

Reflections from onsite participants gathered on 8.Aug.21

### Music and Movement | Simone de Piccciotto

- Harmony

- Sound Dome

- Making the body whole again! Thank you!

- Music is beautiful: breathing

- Listening

- Life and Spirit: loved it!

- Wonderful leadership in the best sense, bringing people



# Creating a Healthy Social Organism - Mindfulness and Activism | Dottie Zold with Frank Agrama

- Working on/with myself to serve the community
- Create a place in myself where others can find a home
- The 8-fold path as the way to strengthen ourselves for making space for others
- I learned so much from all who joined. Threshold moment!
- Gossip is ground for dismissal. Even listening to it.
- Find a common language where everyone feels seen and met how they are
- Listen with the heart is making space for the other to feel welcome, so I can become a host to the world

#### From Freedom to Fraternity | Sergio Gaiti

- Anthroposophy can be a leader in innovation! Take it up!

- Consciousness
- Find patterns
- Limits and Engagement
- How to think economy?
- Connecting to human beings and life! The importance to create an ALTERNATIVE through initiatives
  - What's behind the phenomenon
  - What is the role of soul and spirit in the larger society?





### 5.Aug Leadership | Joan Sleigh and Nicole Asis

- Inviting the other for a dance
- The different kinds of leaderships and seeing all the young people take turns leading
- Serve

### 6.Aug Vulnerability | Milena Kowarik and Ami Cochrane

- My wounds can strengthen me and help to realize the process around me - Courage: healing through sharing
- This made us connect on a very intimate level and touch each other's souls



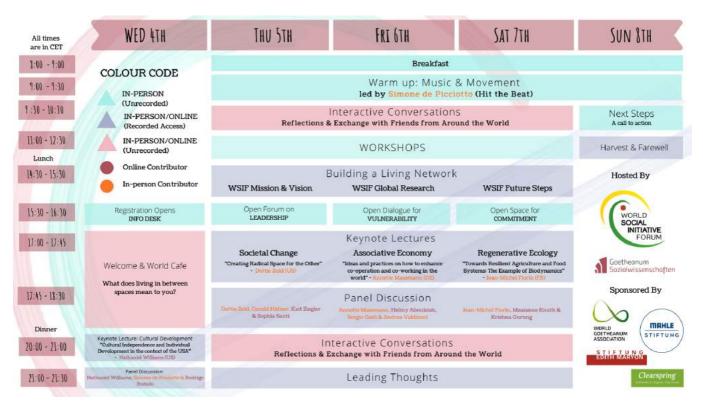


### 7.Aug Commitment | Janne Bierens and Juan Bottero

- Spiritual support
- Motivation and trust: in yourself and that you are supported
- Do it!



### Forum Schedule





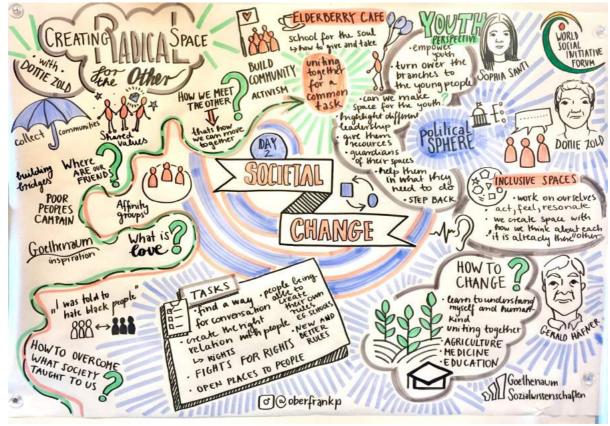
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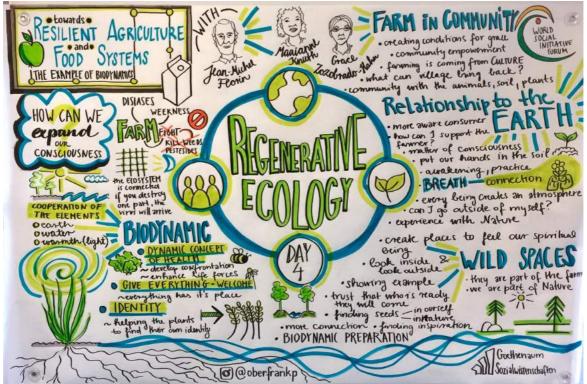
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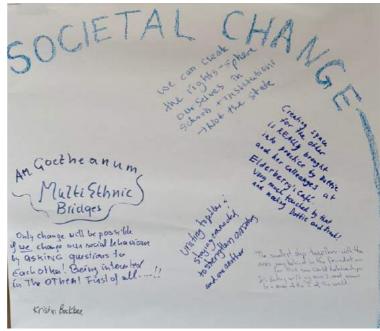




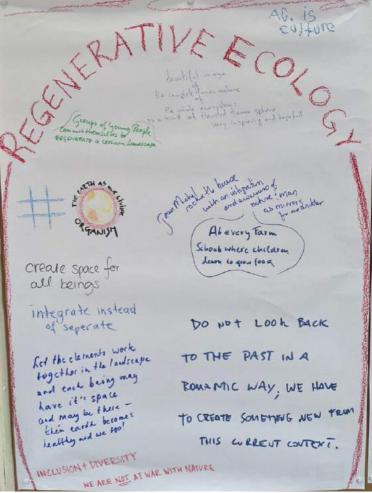


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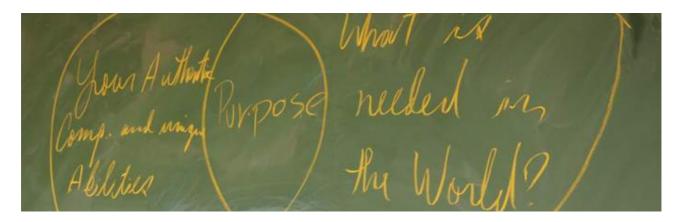




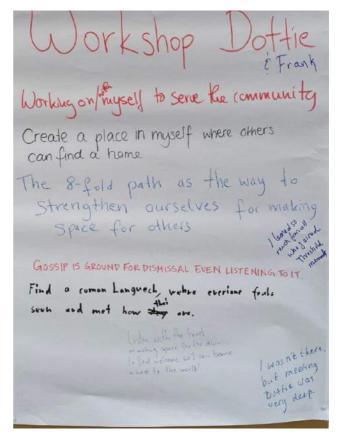




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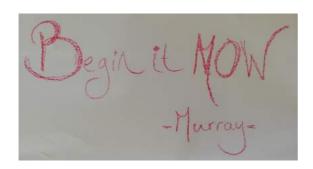


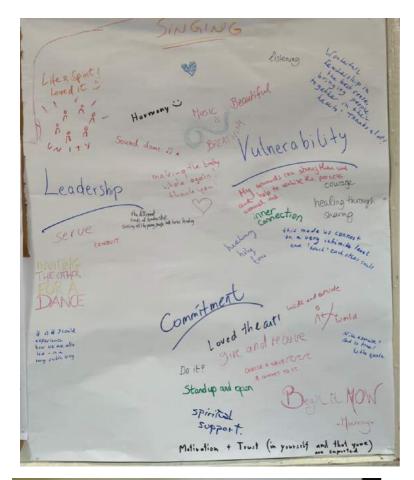


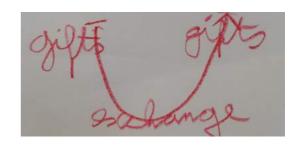


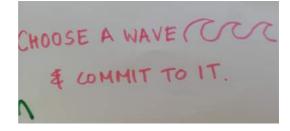


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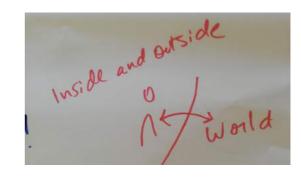












Wie Kann man einsteigen?

Und in was?

Wie affret man sich
für andere? (Matur,

Softskills /Zwischenmenschlich

· Meeting!

exploring 3 fold s. o. as
a bay for transformation

in between-Space

more than body

· 3 fold social other

what has Anthroposophy
to say to this situation?



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"Where lie the sources of life? They lie in what kindles the moral ideals that inspire us. And so we can start to see that when we allow ourselves to be warmed through and illumined by moral ideals in this present life, these will bear life, tone and light out with us into the cosmos, and become world-creative powers. We bear world-creative powers out into the cosmos, and morality is the source of these creative powers. In this way, we discover a bridge, in a holistic view of the human being, between moral ideals and what enlivens the external physical world." - Rudolf Steiner (1920) The Bridge from the Physical to the Spiritual and Moral GA 202 p. 40 (Translated by Matthew Barton, 2020 ed, Ita Vegman Verlag)

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