

DRAGON DREAMING FACTSHEETS

A living systems approach, inspired by Australian Aboriginal culture and the latest scientific theories, that enables us to build successful projects and organisations for the Great Turning to a Life Sustaining Culture. It is an integral design philosophy that includes every aspect of our lives, built upon participatory democracy, ecological sustainability and social justice.



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FACT SHEET NUMBER #1: Priority ****
TOWARDS A UNIVERSAL MANDALA: THE MYSTERY OF THE MEANING OF LIFE
Updated 1st April 2014

***ABSTRACT:** This article presents the idea that the latest scientific theories present a radical new understanding of who we are in the universe, and the way we build a bridge between the past and the future through our engagement in the world.*

FACT SHEET NUMBER #2: Priority ***
WHO OR WHAT IS GAIA? BLOOD MUSIC – THE EARTH FROM MYTH TO
MOVEMENT
Updated 1st April 2014

***ABSTRACT:** The realisation that the Earth is not just a passive home for life, but has many properties as a living system, enables us to connect modern science and ancient spiritualities, into an ethic for a common social movement. The care of the whole is thus deeply connected to the care of each part.*

FACT SHEET NUMBER #3: Priority ***
THE COLLAPSE OF CIVILISATION AND THE COMING DARK AGE
Updated Thursday, 24th March 2014

***ABSTRACT:** Through looking at the world as a single socio-political and economic system, within a living body, it becomes clear that to sustain the opportunities for complex life requires rapid change within our culture in a new direction. We have a choice, but the window of opportunity could close fast.*

FACT SHEET NUMBER #4: Priority ****

DEEP TIME AND DRAGON DREAMING: THE SUSTAINABLE ABORIGINAL SPIRITUALITY OF THE SONG LINES AND THE DREAMING

Updated 28th March 2014

ABSTRACT: *It is suggested that in a culture that is suicidal, to get a better understanding of what authentic sustainability is about requires us to see through the spectrum of a different culture. Australian Aboriginal cultures, sustainable for arguably up to 70,000 years, provide one such useful lens.*

FACT SHEET NUMBER #5:

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INTRODUCTION: MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE: USING DRAGON DREAMING TO BUILD AN OUTRAGEOUSLY SUCCESSFUL PROJECT: A COMPREHENSIVE STAGE APPROACH

Updated 1st April 2014

ABSTRACT: *The fundamental process of the Dragon Dreaming approach to project development is here explained, together with an explanation of the symptoms that appear when projects become blocked.*

FACT SHEET NUMBER #6:

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THE GREAT TURNING: A BREAKDOWN OR BREAKTHROUGH? IS SPIRITUAL IMPLICATIONS FOR THE FAITH TRADITIONS

Updated 5th April 2014

ABSTRACT: *Exploring the choices implicit in the “Great Turning” that come from the enhanced human ability of compassion, “to care for”. Liberating this capacity individually and collectively is shown to be the most potent force in building a world that works both for humans, and the more than human existence in which our life is embedded.*

FACT SHEET NUMBER #7:

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THE HISTORY AND BACKGROUND OF DRAGON DREAMING

Updated 4th April 2014

ABSTRACT: *The history and background of Dragon Dreaming, as it emerged within the Gaia Foundation of Western Australia, is discussed. Some examples of projects done using all or part of the Dragon Dreaming method are presented, and a deeper, underlying pattern is presented.*

FACT SHEET NUMBER #8

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THE NATURE OF CHANGE: UNDERSTANDING NEEDED FOR CHANGE MAKERS

Updated 16th April 2014

ABSTRACT: *Building the bridge from Dreaming to Planning involves crossing thresholds of immense difficulty. This describes some processes that can be useful in building the bridge necessary. This article presents examines the nature of change itself. It shows the steps through which change occurs and helps change makers understand better how to preserve changes that are made, how to overcome the forgetting curve and how changes that occur in the world can be recognised. It equips change makers with a powerful tool they can use in their projects.*

FACT SHEET NUMBER #9: Priority **
NETWORKS AND NETWORKING: BUILDING A DREAM TEAM THAT WORKS
Updated 16th April 2014

ABSTRACT: *To build organisations for the Great Turning requires us to build organically groups that emerge from our natural life, and are not imposed from the top-down in a hierarchical fashion. Here we demonstrate that networking offers a basis for a new way.*

FACT SHEET NUMBER #10: Priority *****
HOW TO RUN A DRAGON DREAMING CREATION CIRCLE: THE FACILITATOR'S GUIDE

Updated 8th April 2014

ABSTRACT: *The Dreaming Circle is one of the essential skills of Dragon Dreaming. It is the process by which, in a win-win fashion, the project of an individual becomes the project of the Dream Team*

FACT SHEET NUMBER #11: Priority ***
COMMUNITY AUDITING THE DRAGON DREAMING WAY
Updated 5th April 2014

ABSTRACT: *What programs does our community really need? What way can we make sure that our projects meet real needs in the community and don't just reflect the prejudices and biases of the project creators?*

FACT SHEET NUMBER #12: Priority *****
EXTENDING NONVIOLENT COMMUNICATION: TOWARDS THE NEW CHARISMATIC EMPOWERMENT LANGUAGE FOR THE GREAT TURNING
Updated 6th April 2014

ABSTRACT: *This factsheet explains the nature of charismatic empowering communication necessary to building the dream team around your project. The process is also useful in other circumstances.*

FACT SHEET NUMBER #13: Priority ****
DEMYSTIFYING AND CULTIVATING LEADERSHIP
Updated 5th April 2014

ABSTRACT: *Dragon Dreaming is built upon a different concept of leadership than that found in the unsustainable culture of the great unravelling. Demystifying our concepts of leadership are essential to building the Great Turning.*

FACT SHEET NUMBER #14: Priority *****
EFFECTIVE MEETINGS FOR COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS: THE CASE OF SEA-FLOW

Updated 30th March 2014

ABSTRACT: *Running successful meetings is an essential skill of Dragon Dreaming. How to make your meetings really successful. The Sea-flow method shows how.*

FACT SHEET NUMBER #15: Priority *****
PLANNING A PROJECT: HOW TO CREATE A KARABIRRDY: A FACILITATOR'S GUIDE

Updated 1st April 2014

ABSTRACT: *The Karabirrdy or "Spider's Web" diagram is the "Board Game" on which a Dragon Dreaming project gets played. It is the basis by which we can integrate all the strategic planning, and testing of a project with the implementation, administration and management and monitoring of progress. It is one of the central processes of Dragon Dreaming.*

FACT SHEET NUMBER #16: Priority ***
BUILDING AN EMPTY CENTRED ORGANISATION

Updated 5th April 2014

ABSTRACT: *We are in the 21st century trying to resolve problems using forms of association, incorporation and business structures that were pioneered in the 19th century. Not only do these forms of association seem not only to not be capable of resolving our problems, they have become part of the problem. This factsheet shows a different way.*

FACT SHEET NUMBER #17: Priority *****
THE POWER OF CONSENT

Updated 5th April 2014

ABSTRACT: *We urgently need alternative ways of decision making to help us build the win-win games necessary to shifting our culture. This explains how to create a different types of decision making for the Great Turning.*

FACT SHEET NUMBER #18: Priority ***
THOUGHTS ABOUT CURRENT ACTION IN THE AGE OF PEAK OIL AND CLIMATE CHANGE: TRANSITION TO A POST CARBON FUTURE; THE TOTNES INITIATIVE

Updated 8th April 2014

ABSTRACT: *Given the facts of climate change, peak oil, economic crisis and planetary extinction of biodiversity, we are faced with a choice. We can either wait for these crises to unfold, or else we can take action now that mitigate the crises, allow us to adapt to what is happening and cannot be avoided, and minimise suffering for those who will feel the effects in the future. The Transition Movement, spreading world-wide, shows us one way to build the future that works for all.*

FACT SHEET NUMBER #19: Priority ***
COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS: WHAT ARE THEY AND
HOW CAN THEY BE ORGANISED?
Updated 8th April 2014

ABSTRACT: *The Industrial Growth System of which we are a part undergoes a series of cyclic crises, that have seen the addition of new types of enterprise that correct imbalances within the system. Building win-win organisations requires new types of Community Enterprise Strategic Partnerships.*

FACT SHEET NUMBER #20: Priority **
SELF MANAGED CONFERENCE DESIGN
Updated 9th April 2014

ABSTRACT: *World Café and Open Space Technology offer new ways of organizing highly productive conferences. The Centre for Continuing Education at the Australian National University, through developments of Search Conferencing has created innovative ways of integrating different approaches. To maximize community learning we need to become a lot more creative.*

FACT SHEET NUMBER #21: Priority ***
BUILDING A COMMUNITY CURRENCY: LESSONS DRAWN FROM CREATION OF
LETSYSTEMS
Written 4th April 2014

ABSTRACT: *This article was based upon Western Australian experience with LETSystems from 1987 to 2003. It is still in need of updating based upon the new developments in community and regional currencies in Europe, the development of the Boya and the Minuto of Konstantin Kirsch. This will be added as soon as possible.*

FACT SHEET NUMBER #22: Priority *****
EMPOWERED FUNDRAISING: RADICAL GENEROSITY – THE POWER OF
PHILANTHROPY TO CHANGE THE WORLD
Updated 12th May 2014

ABSTRACT: *Jesus said, the pursuit of money is the source of all evil. In our modern world, it is the money we use which is often the most damaging to our world, but the rebuilding of a gift economy can bring about the greatest healing.*

FACT SHEET NUMBER #23: Priority *****
SUMMARY OF TWENTY ONE THESES OF THE DRAGON DREAMING APPROACH
FOR OPENING OUR GAIA HEART
Updated 12th May 2014

ABSTRACT: *This summarises the central concepts that lie behind Dragon Dreaming*

FACTSHEET NUMBER # 24: Priority *****

MANAGING AND ADMINISTERING A PROJECT – ADAPTING THE GREENSKILLS WAY

Updated 4th May 2014

ABSTRACT: *This factsheet helps build the bridge across the “doing” of a project, shafting from theory into practice, and enabling participants to move from implementation to monitoring the progress of their project.*

FACT SHEET NUMBER #25

Priority **

MAXIMISING CREATIVITY: HAPPINESS, PLAY AND CREATIVITY RESEARCH: GETTING INTO THE FLOW AND HOW IT HELPS US IN DRAGON DREAMING PROJECTS

Written 10th September 2013

ABSTRACT: *This article presents the latest research into the nature of happiness, play, the flow and Aha moments in relation to maximising creativity. It is especially useful to avoiding the blockages of analysis paralysis and the conflicts that may happen when trust disappears.*

FACT SHEET NUMBER #26

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DRAGON DREAMING AS UNCONDITIONAL LOVE IN ACTION THE BASIS OF WIN-WIN-WIN SITUATIONS

Written 11th November 2013

ABSTRACT: *This article presents the latest research into the nature of unconditional love and how ultimately it is this that heals our deepest wounds. Such loving lies behind the dream of every relationship and every project. It is necessarily the ultimate goal and purpose of our lives.*

FACT SHEET NUMBER #27

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COMFORT ZONES AND DRAGON DREAMING: TOWARDS COLLECTIVE INTELLIGENCE

Written 14th January 2014

ABSTRACT: *This article sets our intelligence in a larger context using Dragon Dreaming as a metamodel for the development of a Holistic Science of collective intelligence.*