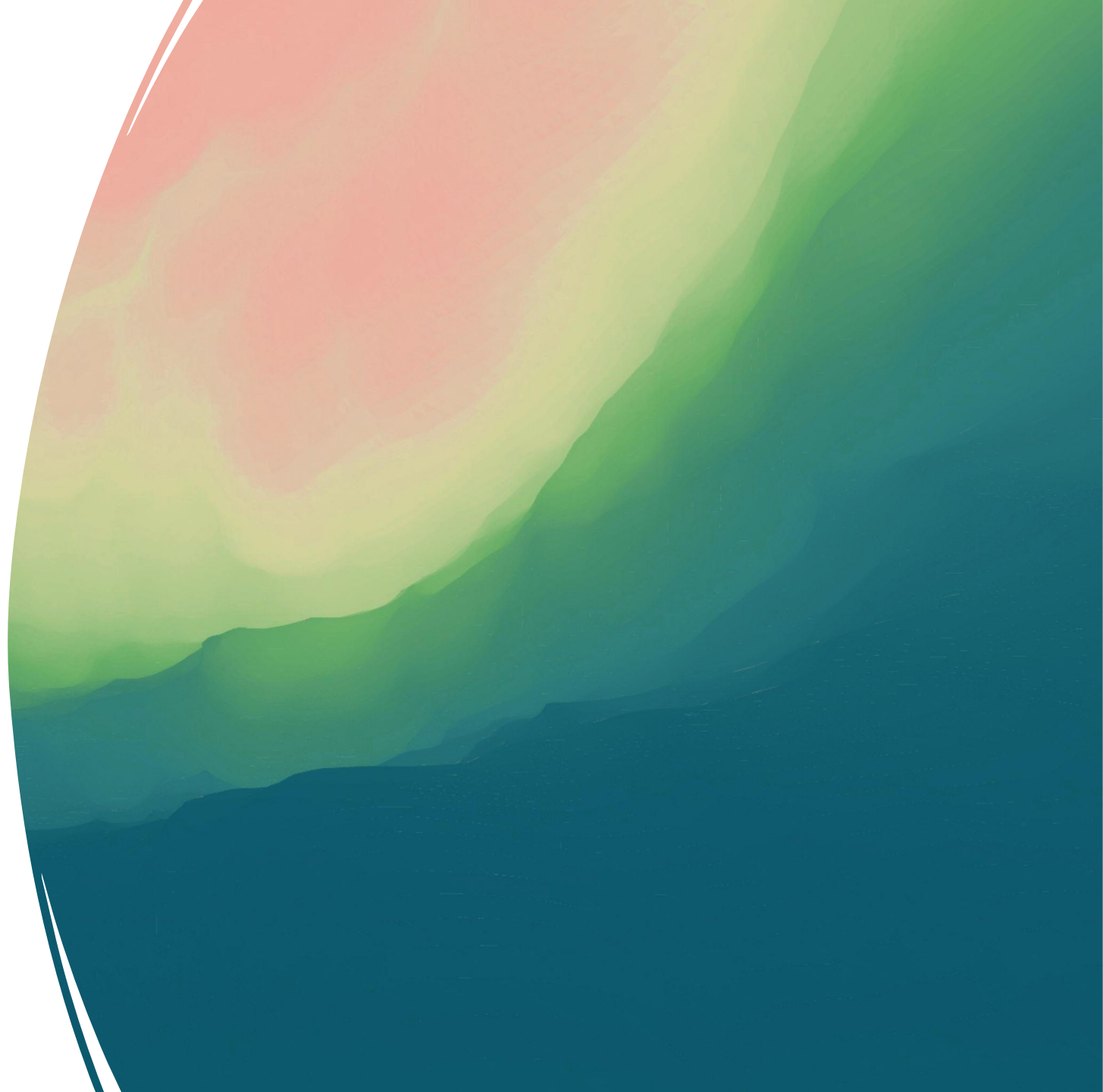


Intertwining: From Ego to Eco Future proofing our planet through eco action learning

Christine Abbott and
Michael Weiss



TS Eliot 1934



When the stranger says “what is the meaning of this city?”

Do you huddle close together because you love each other?

What will you answer? ‘We all dwell together to make money from each other’ or ‘this is a community?’

The
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LEARNING STANCES – Ego to Eco

Stance 1 – Implementing: Doing things well.

Stance 2 – Improving: Doing things better.

Stance 3 – Innovating: Doing better things together.

Where do we go from here?

Move from seeing the world as an aggregate of individual entities who have no common interests and no stake in the the planet and others' survival

Move to seeing the world: as an interdependent collective survival enterprise in which each has a stake in its viability and effective functioning.

- Modern evolutionary biology
- Spirituality
- Social ecology
- Post humanism
- Quantum physics
- Indigenous philosophies

No longer a competitive struggle but a cooperative dance where there is a focus on networks and patterns in movement.

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Stance 4 - Doing things with the world that matter to it.

- Focus on – justice, equality, integrity, peace, sustainability
- Beyond sustainability to regeneration
- Working for planet, profit and cost-effectiveness remain important, but they are means to an end, not the end itself
- Distributed *leadership* as a collective social process through which a community make meanings of what is happening and what needs to happen

Eco - centric

Eco Action Learning, Fair Shares Movement, Circular Economy, Economy for Common Good, Restorative Practice, Eco Leadership, Regenerative Societies, Economy of Love.

**Our aim - Developing People
and Organisations and
communities for a Sustainable
World.**



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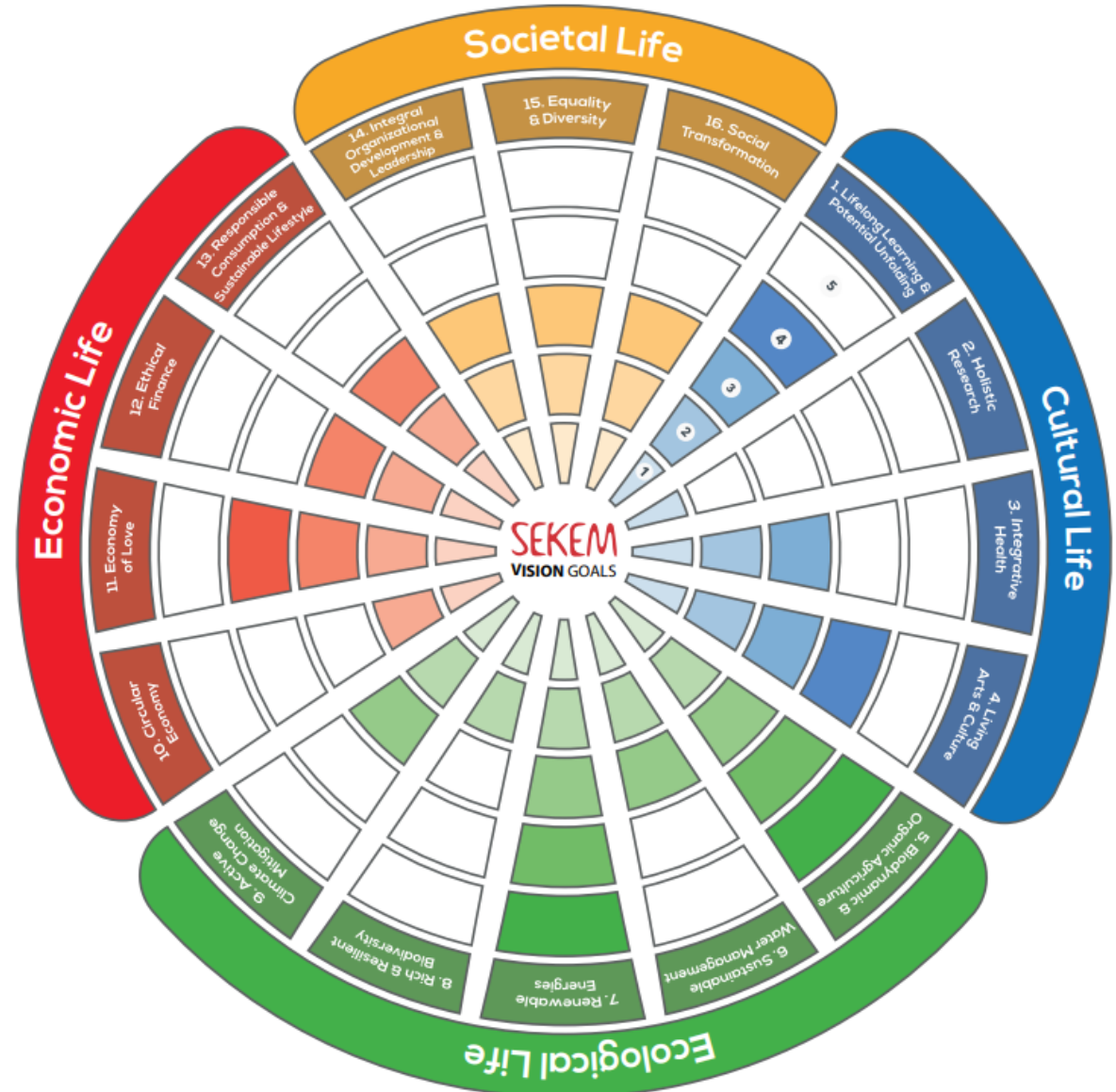
What we do

- Developing and evaluating working models for organisations and communities that meet the requirements of International standards for sustainability
- Transformation projects for organisations and communities
- Retreats , Education and coaching for senior teams
- Technical expertise on sustainability
- Action Learning to support the journey.

Our working model for communities or regions

Sustainable development integrating cultural, economical and social life with ecological life and managing the trade-offs.

That meets the UN sustainability goals and the EU Green Deal



Example – Community UK

Process

- **A community audit – what already exists**
 - EG Solar energy, public v private transport, recycling
- **Leader engagement**
 - Workshops with the local government leaders
- **Public engagement**
 - Community identifying key challenges and areas of interest
- **Action Learning sets**
 - With community and leaders to work on projects

Outcomes

- **Repair café monthly, text recycling scheme ,promotion of local produce.**
- **Planning guidance, car share, Energy saving advice evenings,**
- **Regular top tips on the social media /newsletters, Eco project on old railways line,**
- **Loving earth days, Outdoor gyms, Meditation walks**

Our working model for organisations

Sustainable development tool integrating Governance, Business Model Innovation,, Stakeholder management, Learning Organization, Control, Management system and managing trade-offs.

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Case study – Bank in Austria

Process

- An organization audit – wants and musts
- Stakeholder engagement
 - Workshops with all local stakeholders
- Create a vision
 - Complexity mapping
- Action Learning
 - with the leadership team and expanded team to work on outcomes

Outcomes

- Non-profit private foundation in sustainable development,
- Local energy project
- Conservation of nature,
- Supporting sustainable local businesses,
- Regional farm cooperative shop

- Sustainability report to meet new CSRD regulation
- Sustainability certification



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Questions

World

What questions does the world want us to ask it and ourselves ?

Community

What questions would help your community to develop a intertwingling culture?

Organisational

What questions would help organisations get ready for this sort of work?

Individual

What questions can I ask myself about the unique gifts I have to do things with the world that matter?

Rainer Maria Rilke 1903



Live the questions now. Perhaps then,
someday in the future, you will gradually,
without even noticing it, live your way
into the answer

Letters to a young poet

Continue the conversation

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