

Chapter 6: Summary:

- When our latent desire to make a difference is touched we long for more. Meaning is the most nourishing life force. If it touches us we are drawn to it, not without doubts, but with progressive commitment.
- Sustainable action is an individual, organizational, societal and global learning process. We can become more conscious partners of evolution. Nourishing our deeper intention helps us to align our outer journey with our inner potential so that we can humbly join a global learning process.
- The journey to sustainability cannot be delegated to a few people. It is everybody's business, so it is our business. It calls for action and it calls for circles of reflection and dialogue. Only collectively can we find the most suitable path. We need to create a network of mutually supportive centres.
- The voice of our heart is important. We learn to trust it more as we reach out to our own humanity. Then we no longer need to indulge in the many rituals of self-defense. Forgetfulness of self is a gift we receive on the journey; mindfulness is the gift we give back to the world.
- A dynamic balance of responsiveness and contribution allows for a more sustainable generative pattern of co-creation. Both contribution and responsiveness are natural tendencies in human beings. Human future is emerging as a result of a 'space in between', an encounter between people. The more dialogic this space is the more likely it is that it will lead to sustainable patterns of co-creation.
- Leading for sustainability requires collective leadership: the ability to do what needs doing and the flexibility to take on leadership as required. This works best when we recognize patterns of co-creation that are life-enhancing. These we need to develop further.