

## *Chapter 2: Summary*

- Leading is a form of participation in the dance of life that differs from not-leading. We need to become aware of our impact and responsibility as nodes in a network co-enacting reality.
- At the core of life-enhancing leadership is the ability to respect human beings as human beings, acknowledge difference, and integrate diversity.
- It is therefore helpful to review our participation in the emergence of reality – do we shy away from contributing? Do we feel urged to determine outcomes? How do we contribute to mutual consistency?
- If we attend to the whole more consciously, we notice that it too needs expression, but we cannot think on behalf of it. We need to ask. Participation and inclusion is thus the best way to give the whole its legitimate voice.
- When we begin to communicate more consciously, it can be helpful to reconstruct the history of our own voice. Finding and expressing our real voice might be a slow process, but it becomes essential to the re-definition of our leadership journey.
- When we have tracked the history of our voice, we begin to listen in a different way. This can encourage us to invite feedback more actively, an important feature for developing the learning identity that sustainability leadership needs.
- The creative process of leading takes place in a balanced relationship between the emergence of our own voice and vision and our increasing ability to listen to and observe our own transformative process and that of others travelling with us. Both individual and collective reflection can facilitate our move into more conscious co-creation.