

A Whole Community Purpose

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~ an invitation to a conversation ~

Co-Creating A Thriving And Loving World

As a conscious community, we strive to demonstrate a practical spirituality in harmony with nature, and play our part to positively transform humanity and the earth

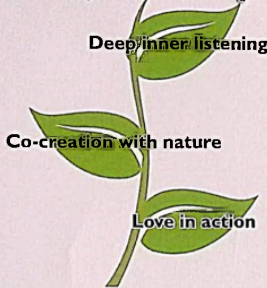
The purpose of the whole Community is to be a place of inspiration and transformation – a centre of love and light, a centre of fiery hope. We hold a positive vision for humanity and the Earth, a commitment to deep and practical spirituality and to true ecology – caring for each other and caring for our planet. We seek to raise awareness individually and collectively in our day-to-day activities and radiate this out into the world. We hold a deep longing for humanity to live in peace and with gratitude and respect for the natural world.

We are a living, dynamic, practical experiment, building and seeking to demonstrate in physical form what is possible by working together as an intentional Community. We seek to create and hold spaces that are caring for the soul - places of beauty where we learn and practice the healing power of love. We seek to be visionary, vital, vibrant and viable on this Earth.

Part of our history and spiritual architecture has been three guiding principles for how to live and work in our Community. These principles are: inner listening, work is love in action, and co-creation with the intelligence of Nature. They continue to guide us today as articulated in our Common Ground statement. Individually we respond in different ways to the call of this centre. We welcome this diversity. Together we aspire to respond to the call of the world, to the call of our time.

In service to spirit, humanity and the earth
we hold in common the following Principles, Essence and Guidelines

Principles



Essence

We live in clarity and integrity, and seek nothing less than truth.

We live in openness with deep listening, and seek nothing less than communion.

We live in gratitude and open-heartedness, and seek nothing less than love.

We live in courage and willingness, and seek nothing less than our soul's path.

We live in cooperation and shared vision, and seek nothing less than alignment with Spirit.

We live in awareness and responsibility, and seek nothing less than peace.

We live in acceptance and surrender, and seek nothing less than freedom.

Guidelines

1. Spiritual Practice

I have an active spiritual practice to align with spirit and support me to work for the highest good.

2. Service

I bring an attitude of service to others and to our planet, recognising I must also consider my own needs.

3. Personal Growth

I am committed to the expansion of human consciousness and my own personal growth. I endeavour to recognise and change personal attitudes and behaviour patterns that are limiting.

4. Integrity

I embody congruence of thought, word and action. I take responsibility for the spiritual, environmental and human effects of my activities.

5. Respecting Others

I wholeheartedly respect other people - their differences, views, origins, backgrounds and issues. I respect all forms of life and the Community's and other people's property.

6. Direct Communication

I use clear and honest communication with open listening, heart-felt responses, loving acceptance and straightforwardness. I talk to people rather than about them. In public and in private I do not malign or demean others. I may seek helpful advice but do not seek to collude.

7. Reflection

I recognise that anything I see outside myself—any criticisms, irritations or appreciations—may also be reflections of what is inside me, and I commit to looking at these before addressing others.

8. Feedback

I am willing to listen to constructive feedback and work with it. I offer feedback to others in a caring and appropriate way to challenge and support each other to grow.

9. Nonviolence

I do not inflict my attitudes or desires on others. Where appropriate I step in and stop violence, manipulation or intimidation of myself or others, or at least say that I would like it to stop.

10. Perspective

For the benefit of the whole Community I may need to put aside my personal issues. I acknowledge that there may be wider perspectives than my own and deeper issues than those I am immediately aware of.

11. Cooperation

I clearly communicate my decisions to others who may be affected by them, and consider their views respectfully. I recognise that others may make decisions which affect me, and I respect the care and integrity they have put into their decision-making process.

12. Peacekeeping

I make every effort to resolve disputes. I may call for an advocate, friend, independent observer or mediator to be present, and will use and follow the Community's grievance procedures as necessary.

13. Agreements

I respect the law of the land, keep agreements I have made, and do not break or try to evade any Community guidelines.

14. Commitment

I bring the spirit of this statement of Common Ground to all my dealings.