A Whole Life



A Mindful Approach to Sustainable Well-being

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Integrative Medicine

- Combine (one thing) with another to form a whole
- from Latin integrat- 'made whole'
- Compare with integrity: the state of being whole and undivided

Oxford Dictionary of English (revised edition)



cai guo-qiang on the roof, transparent monument the metropolitan museum of art, new york, usa, 2006

"One does not become enlightened by imagining figures of light but by making the darkness conscious.

This procedure, however, is disagreeable and therefore not very popular."

Carl Jung "The Philosophical Tree" (1945).
 In CW 13: Alchemical Studies, p. 335

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A Mindful Hope Proach to Sustainable Well-being

Mind, Body, Spirit Self, Community, Planet 7 generations





To what end?
Sustainable Well-being

How?
Lifestyle Change
Mindfulness



Mind, Body, Spirit

A Self, Community Planet

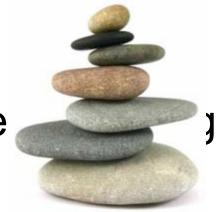
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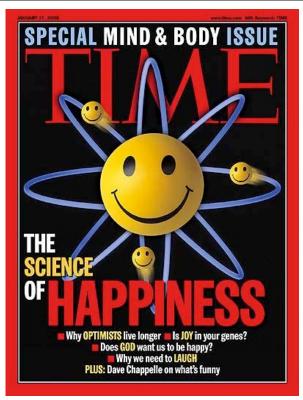


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"Salud, amor, y pesetas, y tiempo para gosarlos"

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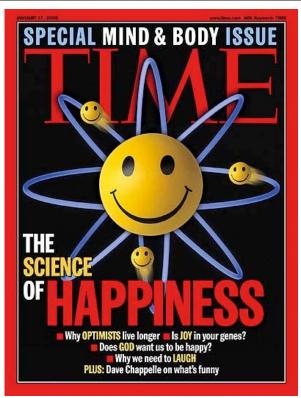
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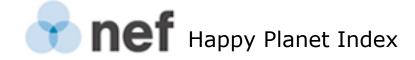
Well-being

Resources to get WB

Sustainable Well-Being

(Mental & Physical Health) * Longevity

Ecological Footprint





Ecological Footprint: How much of the Earth's resources does your lifestyle require?

Life Sat	Life Exp	EF	HPI	Rank
7.4	77.4	9.5	28.8	150

How are we doing?

	Life Sat	Life Exp	EF	HPI	Rank
Vanuata	7.4	68.6	1.1	68.2	1
Costa Rica	7.5	78.2	2.1	66	3
Cuba	6.3	77.3	1.4	61.9	6
Switzerland	8.2	80.5	5.3	48.3	65
UK	7.1	78.4	5.4	40.3	108
Sweden	7.7	80.2	7	38.2	119
France	6.6	79.5	5.8	36.4	129
Lithuania	4.7	72.3	3.9	29.3	149
USA	7.4	77.4	9.5	28.8	150
UAE	7.4	78	9.9	28.2	154
Ukraine	3.6	66.1	3.3	22.2	174
Zimbabwe	3.3	36.9	1	16.6	178



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Well-being: Physical Health

24th in world for disability adjusted life expectancy

"Basically, you die earlier and spend more time disabled if you're an American rather than a member of most other advanced countries"

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Q: Why?

- Some groups (e.g., Native Americans, inner city poor) have extremely poor health, more characteristic of a poor developing country rather than a rich industrialized one
- HIV kills or disables more in U.S. than in most other advanced countries
- U.S. a leader for cancers relating to tobacco
- A high coronary heart disease rate
- High levels of violence, especially of homicides, when compared to other industrial countries (Crime is up 300% from 1950-1980 & still above 1950 levels; Layard, 2005)

A: Social Justice & Lifestyle



Well-being: Mental Health

Life Sat	Life Exp	EF	HPI	Rank
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Table 2. Twelve-Month Prevalence of World Mental Health Composite International Diagnostic Interview/Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition*

% (95% Confidence Interval)

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Country	Anxiety	Mood	Impulse-Control	Substance	Any	
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Colombia	10.0 (8.4-11.7)	6.8 (6.0-7.7)	3.9 (3.2-4.7)	2.8 (2.0-3.7)	17.8 (16.1-19.5)	
Mexico	6.8 (5.6-7.9)†	4.8 (4.0-5.6)	1.3 (0.9-1.8)	2.5 (1.8-3.3)	12.2 (10.5-13.80)	
United States	18.2 (16.9-19.5)	9.6 (8.8-10.4)	6.8 (5.9-7.8)	3.8 (3.2-4.5)	26.4 (24.7-28.0)	
Europe						
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France	12.0 (9.8-14.2)	8.5 (6.4-10.6)§	1.4 (0.7-2.0)	0.7 (0.3-1.2)‡‡	18.4 (15.3-21.5)	
Germany	6.2 (4.7-7.6)	3.6 (2.8-4.3)§	0.3 (0.1-0.6)	1.1 (0.4-1.7)##	9.1 (7.3-10.8)	
Italy	5.8 (4.5-7.1)	3.8 (3.1-4.5)§	0.3 (0.1-0.5)	0.1 (0.0-0.2)##	8.2 (6.7-9.7)	
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Middle East and Africa						
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People's Republic of China						
Beijing	32 (1.8-4.6)†	Source:WHO	World Mental Health	Survey Consortiun	n (2004), <i>JAMA</i>	
Shanghai	2.4 (0.9-3.9)†	22. 22				

Q: Why?

- Glorification of the individual [1]
- Degradation of the commons [1]
 - Decreased civic involvement (esp. U.S.), ½ of which attributed to urban sprawl, T.V. viewing, & time limitations [2, p. 18] Life Sat Life Exp
 - Time poverty [3]
 - U.S. works more than any other industrialized country

7.4

We work nearly 9 full weeks (350 hours) longer per year than our peers in Western Europe

A: Lifestyle

HPI

28.8

9.5

77.4

Rank

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Time Poverty

- <u>Self</u> Threatens our health
 - Leads to fatigue, accidents and injuries
 - Reduces time for exercise
 - Encourages consumption of calorie-laden fast foods
 - Job stress and burnout costs the U.S. economy >\$300 b/yr
- <u>Community</u> weakened
 - Threatens marriages, families & relationships as we find less time for each other, less time to care for our children and elders, less time to hang out
 - Less time for voting or more involved citizenship
 - Less time to know neighbors, supervise children, & volunteer
- <u>Planet</u> Contributes to destruction of our environment: Lack of time encourages use of convenience and throwaway items and reduces recycling

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Well-being

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Resources Used

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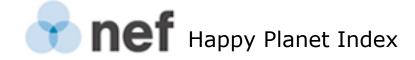
- U.S. uses 6.8 planets worth of resources
- We use more energy/person than any other country (except UAE)
- U.S. & allies outspend all non-allies militarily
- "Providing adequate food, clean water, and basic education for the world's poorest could all be achieved for less than people spend annually on...

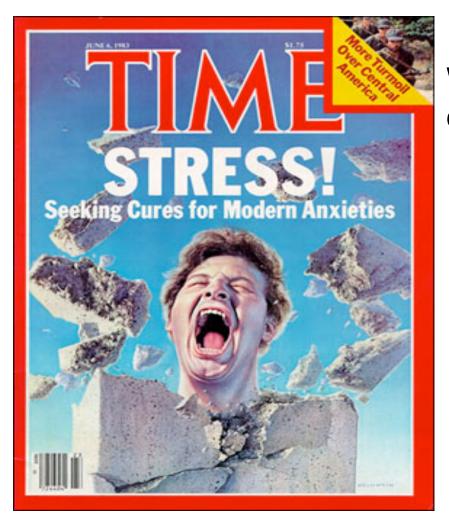
makeup, ice cream, and pet food" (p.10, State of the World, 2004)

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Work more, achieve less, & destroy the planet in the bargain

DSM-IV
Diagnosis
Wacked out the booty

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Well-being EF

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Mindfulness

- Paying attention, on purpose, nonjudgmentally
- Being aware of sensations, thoughts, emotions occurring right now without judgment

Mindfulness effective for...

- Anxiety, depression, stress, burnout (e.g., Cohen-Katz, Wiley, et al., 2005; Ma & Teasdale, 2004; Teasdale, Segal, Williams, et al., 2000)
- Chronic pain (Kabat-Zinn, 1982; Kabat-Zinn, Lipworth, & Burney, 1985)
- Substance abuse (Bowen, Witkiewitz, Dillworth, et al., 2006)
- Arthritis (Pradhan et al., 2007)
- Diabetes (Gregg, Callaghan, et al., 2007)
- Fibromyalgia (Sephton et al., 2007; Grossman, et al., 2007)
- Psoriasis (Kabat-Zinn et al., 1998)



Mindfulness effective for...

- Positive resting frontal alphaasymmetry (Davidson, et al., 2003; Barnhofer et al., 2007)
- Immune Function (Davidson, Kabat-Zinn et al, 2003)





...and different types of people

- Cancer patients (Speca, Carlson, et al., 2000; Monti, Peterson, et al., 2005; Carlson, Speca, et al., 2007)
- Health care professionals (Shapiro, et al, 2005)
 - Medical Students (Shapiro, et al., 1998)
 - Nurses (Cohen-Katz, Wiley, et al., 2005)
- Women with heart disease (Tacon, McComb, Caldera, Randolph, 2003)
- Prisoners (Bowen, Witkiewitz, Dillworth, et al., 2006)
- Borderline Personality Disorder (DBT, Linehan, 1993)



- Al: "I feel like I want to be healthier."
- Dr.: "Maybe you should quit smoking"
- Al: "Really, Doctor, how would that help?"
- Dr.: "Well, smoking is slowly killing you"
- Al: "Wow! I didn't realize that. I'll quit straight-away!"

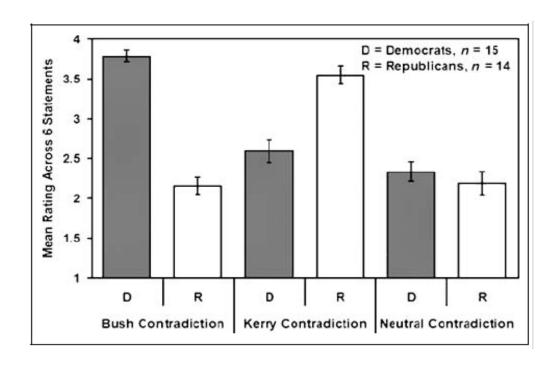
- Al: "I feel like I want to be healthier."
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- Al: "Really, Doctor, maybe I should stick these cigarettes up your &%^\$!"
- Dr.: "Maybe you should leave the office"
- Al: "Yeah, that's obviously the only way to find a competent Doctor."
- Suppose Al has BPD

Smoking Cessation Pilot

- 8-week MBSR
- Treatment
 - (1) This is not about quitting
 - (2) Be aware of thoughts, emotions, sensations
 - (3) Bring this awareness to smoking
- Results
 - 56% stayed quit at 6 weeks vs. 11-30% rates in other therapies (Fiore, Bailey, & Cohen, 2000)

Bounded rationality vs. Motivated reasoning

- All decisions are emotional
- Democrats & Republicans read statements about Bush, Kerry, or Tom Hanks (for ex)
- Consistently identified contradictions in "other" candidate but not own



- Negative emotion registered when contradiction was introduced
- With time to reach biased conclusion, negative affect gone
- "brain converges on solutions that minimize negative and maximize positive affect states" (Westin, et al., 2006, Jo of Cog Neuro, p. 1947)



Mechanisms of Change?

- Attention is needed even for awareness of amygdala-mediated stimuli (Pessoa, Padmala, & Morland, 2005, Neurolmage)
- Increased control of habitual responding (Wenk-Sormaz, 2005)
- Better reality sampling (Slagter, Lutz, Greischar, et al. (2007; PLOS Biology)
- Meta-cognitive awareness (Teasdale, et al. 2002)
 - CT & MBST --> increased meta-cog awareness --> decreased depression
 - MBCT reduces overgeneral memory bias (Williams, Teasdale, Segal, & Soulsby, 2000)



Mindfulness

- Being aware is the act of integrating, remembering all parts of ourselves
- welcoming them into awareness without judgment





Integrating parts of ourselves

- Authenticity associated with less depression & anxiety, lower stress, greater subjective vitality, & lewer physical Sxs (Ryan, LaGuardia, & Rawsthorne, 2005)
- More distinct one is across different roles, less well-being (Sheldon, Ryan, et al. JPSP, 1997)



Diseases of dis-integration

- Repression
 - Report low anxiety but exhibit anxious physiology (Weinberger, et al., 1973, JAP)
- Defensive Deniers
 - higher (and medically significant)
 cardiovascular reactivity associated with
 higher distress relative to genuinely
 healthy individuals (Shedler, Mayman, et
 al., 1993)



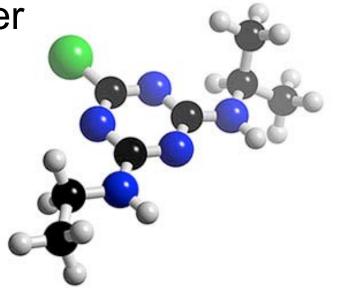
Beyond Self

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How else do we get a company that...

(1) produces atrazine, a cause of breast cancer

(2) a treatment for breast cancer



We are not separate from our context

- Depleting fishery (resource dilemma task)
- 10/30 words on sentence completion task either cooperation or neutral words
- Those primed subliminally for cooperation = those with conscious cooperation goal > neutral words for fish returned to common resource



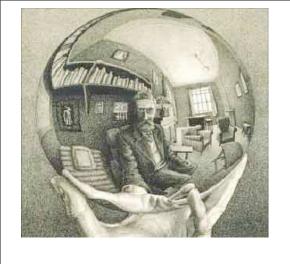
Stanford Prison Experiment

- Participants randomly assigned to "prisoner" or "guard" roles in mock prison setting
- Study prematurely terminated "when it became apparent that many of the 'prisoners' were in serious distress and many of the 'guards' were behaving in ways which brutalized and degraded their fellow subjects"
- "Volunteer prisoners suffered physical and psychological abuse...while volunteer guards were exposed to the new self-knowledge that they enjoyed being powerful and had abused this power to make human beings suffer."

- 600 MBSR participants -- 7% of effect on mental health Sxs due to group (Imel, Baldwin, Bonus, & MacCoon, 2008)
- Ecologically responsible behaviors (ERBs)
 - Subjective well-being positively associated with ERBs
 - ...because they have intrinsic values
 - ...and are mindful of their inner experience & behavior
 - Brown & Kasser (2005)

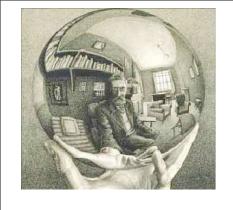
Listening to our patients IS listening to ourselves

Showing up for ourselves is the only way to show up for our patients



True neurally. Mirror Neuron System

- Observing an action = Doing that action
- Experiencing disgust & observing someone's disgust both activate anterior insula (Wicker, Keysers, et al., 2003, Neuron)
- Empathy: to put oneself in the place of others



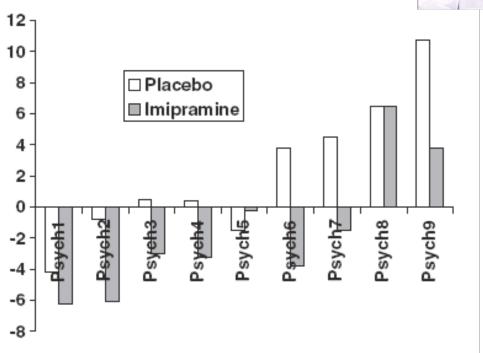
Empathy, Compassion, & Fairness

- Empathy: High functioning autistic individuals have less activation in MNS areas than controls when imitating emotional facial expressions (Depretto, et al, 2006, Nat Neurosci)
- Compassion: AC & Anterior insula activate when partner feeling pain (Singer, et al., 2004, Science)
- Fairness: AC & Anterior insula activated when neuroeconomic games are played fairly or not (Singer, et al., 2006, Nature)



Your Choice: Pills or Person





- •Variance in BDI due to medication = 3.4% vs. 9.1% d/t psychiatrist
- •HAM-D=5.9% & 6.7%









Troy Co-housing

- Lifespan design
- Universal design
- Green space
- Promote community
- Green built & energy star
- Low operating costs
- Affordable: 20 (of 30) units permanently at affordable housing rates
- 2007 Livable Community Award from AARP & NAHB

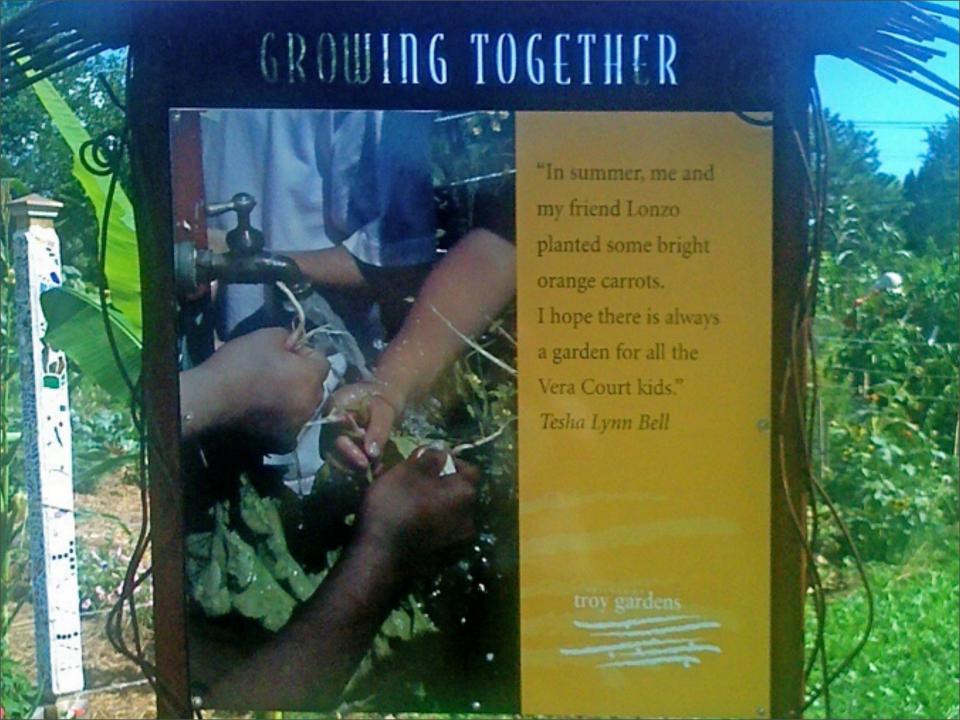














Vision

Troy Gardens is a welcoming cohousing community where we cultivate sustainability and meaningful connections with one another and the land through celebration, cooperation, and open communication.





Ecovillage at Ithaca, NY Song (30 houses) Frog Common House Frog (30 houses)



- 800, 1000, 1200, 1500 sq ft
- Resources = ~14 acres/ person (EF 1.0)
- 25 acres = avg (EF I.0; 56% of avg American)

Sharing...

- Meals
- Childcare
- Cars?
- Financing to increase renewables?
- Homes to increase density?
- Largest obstacles?
 - Intending to change
 - Getting along

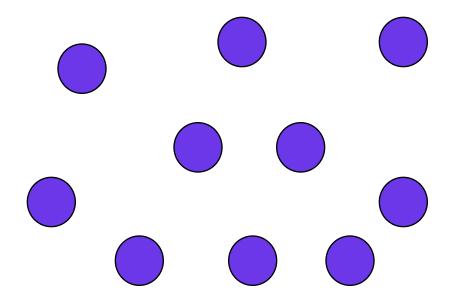
Mindfulness

- Tool for awareness of...
 - Self: our own parts
 - Community: how we effect others and how others effect us
 - Planet: How our lifestyle effects the planet & how the planet effects our lifestyle
- Emotion regulation (important for change)
- Skillful communication

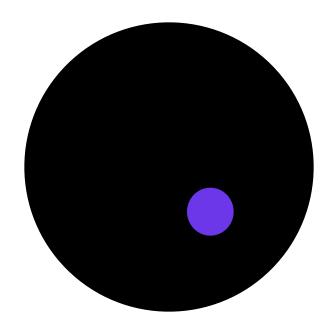
Skillful Communication

- Be fully present & listen
 - to yourself: e.g., notice anger
 - & to them
- Make sure they know you've heard them
- Empathize with them (Yes...)
- Speak your truth skillfully (...and)

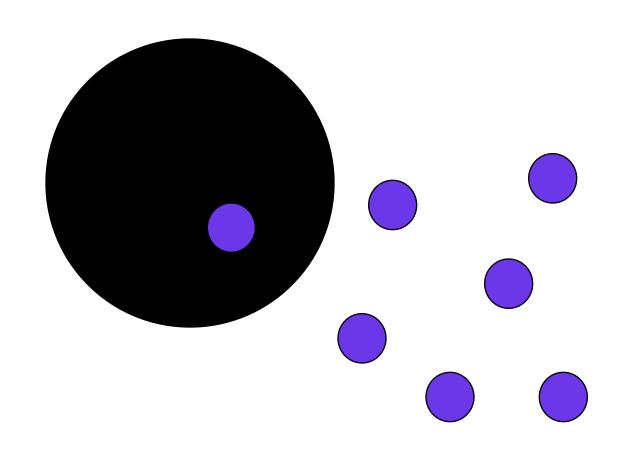
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Re-entry



Re-entry: need for community



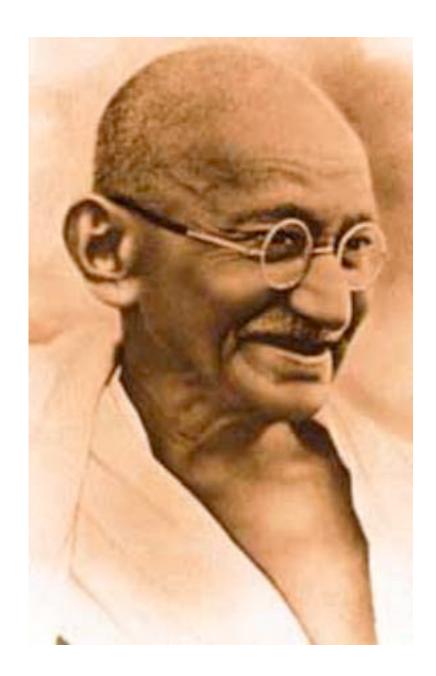


Maximize sustainable well-being

- Be fully human right here, right now
 - Treatment provider & scientist
 - Family member
 - Citizen
- Requires being fully present
 - It's about you & the community & the planet
 - Take a deep breath when you enter the room
 - Pay attention to the full catastrophe
 - Compassion to self & other
- Lean in to a more sustainable lifestyle
- Work with others for lifestyle change







"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."