

# Consciousness Arising



***A collaborative project designed  
to help cocreate a better future***

## **Overall Vision for This Project**

We are at a critical juncture in our planet's history. Cultural ideologies, identities and beliefs that have defined how we make sense of reality are in a state of flux. The old world is dying. Yet, from deep within our dreams and aspirations, a new, potentially much better one could emerge. It is incumbent upon us to rise to this challenge.

The list of issues to address is dauntingly long: the ever-present specter of nuclear Armageddon and the never-ending arms race; runaway global warming, biodiversity erosion and how to adapt to ongoing changes; economic dislocation and global crop failure leading to mass starvation; growing inequality between the haves and have-nots; governance monopoly by elite globalists; AI-enabled wireless-facilitated Orwellian state and corporate surveillance; and so on.

Many experts have prescribed various cures for the ailments of our world. Few if any, however, have addressed the whole gamut of our problems in a comprehensive way, including both consciousness and systems change. The solutions must be holistic and shaped from a deep understanding of the root

causes of what's wrong, otherwise we will simply continue hacking away at the branches of our predicaments.

## **Then what?**

What if ordinary people were to explore, in an open space where all voices are unleashed, heard and celebrated, the three following themes, the main focus being on the first one: *Envisioning a Future of Our Wildest Dreams - Obstacles and Challenges to Overcome - Options and Solutions to Make it Happen...*

What if from the harvest of their insightful observations and ideas, teams of skilled wordsmiths would refine the ore of these visionary solutions and bring into sharp focus a plausible pathway to a new truly viable civilization...

What if the outcome of this cocreative process was then presented to the world, through various means and media, to inspire people into adopting these core visions and solutions, and adapting them to their local circumstances...

If this sound like a realistic and workable plan to you, let's delve in a bit further.

## **Ideation**

Over the course of one day, on Saturday May 7, a group of people from around the world will take time, through two 3-hour sessions on Zoom, to be in deep dialogue and discovery with one another, in a format enabling the wisdom in us all to rise. Using a collaborative process called [Open Space Technology](#), they will address through multiple small group meetings the three core themes mentioned above. From a list of possible sub-themes and topics, a selection will be spontaneously proposed by participants after some introductory remarks by the event organisers.

Everyone can then go explore what they are passionate about by delving into the sub-topic of their choosing. Some may opt to surf through several groups and pollinate them with what they have gleaned from other group discussions. Everyone will tap into their soul feelings and life experience to bring their unique perspective to the process. Each group will select a recorder tasked with

reporting back to everyone the gist of the best visions, understandings and solutions that will emerge.

For the sake of continuity of knowledge and know-how, every participant will be requested to commit to attend these two 3-hour sessions, on May 7, and to watch this short [video](#) introducing how the *Open Space Technology* works. Written and video material will be made available to those who wish to explore beforehand some aspects of the themes to be discussed.

We trust these meetings of hearts and minds will be a fun and fulfilling experience of group cocreativity. We will cast aside cultural norms, transcend habitual thought patterns and boldly imagine the future of our wildest dreams, identify the root causes of our current problems and together sketch out a path towards successful resolution.

## **Refinement**

Among the possibilities we will explore, the most motivated participants and others from the larger community of progressively minded people could then be invited to join, each according to their main area(s) of interest, in a group of enlightened thinkers. Their mission would be to weave together a synthesis of their deeper exploration of the visions, issues and solutions outlined in stage one of this project, while always staying connected with and never losing sight of the Essence of their inner guidance.

We envision that each group will be autonomous in setting the pace of their work and ascribing tasks among themselves. They will be encouraged to use the methods offered at [www.liberatingstructures.com](http://www.liberatingstructures.com). This introductory 21 minute [video](#) explains how the *Liberating Structures* designed by Keith McCandless and Henri Lipmanowicz can be adapted and used in the context of this online project and this 3-minute [video](#) describes one of its 33 methods that is particularly well adapted to online Zoom meetings. The ongoing progress of their work will be made available as it is produced through [www.consciousnessarising.org](http://www.consciousnessarising.org) that will serve as an archival storage site for this whole process. More details will come later, in part as a result of what will come out of the first leg of this project.

## Transmission

It is too early at this point to give a detailed description of the means that will be used to fertilize people and organizations around the world with the wealth of visionary and practical ideas, analyses and projects stemming from this global collaborative experiment in cocreative envisioning and solutions making. But it is easy to imagine that written, audio and video material, as well as various forms of art and other creative means will be prepared and networked through various mediums *to achieve the overarching goal of subtly setting our civilization onto a sustainable path towards a future beyond our wildest imaginings.*

Although this project will be entirely done on a volunteer basis, when required, funding will be crowdsourced to hire a wide array of talented people to make sure the hopes and dreams stirred up through this project will have a robust chance of coming to fruition. Our future and that of our children's children's children is at stake. This is certainly worth our best collective effort... together as One Living Collective, consciously acting for the highest good of all Life on Earth.

For a deeper understanding of this project as well as for some practical details, please review [Consciousness Arising: Introduction and invitation](#).