

Why Mushrooming?



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As we explore learning in non-linear cycles of change, we are intrigued by the mysterious world of our Fungi kin.

Fungi live in cyclical patterns. Starting as spores, they grow into mycelium, which then generates mushrooms that in turn produce more spores, beginning the cycle anew. Those mushrooms are in fact the “fruit” of the fungus, while the majority of the fungal organism lives underground interconnected with roots as a vast network of mycelium.

For years now, we have been ‘composting’ the word of education. We’ve stayed with the trouble of being part of colonial paradigms that are rooted in separation and control. We resisted easy answers or quick-fix solutions. We’ve questioned a lot of things. It’s been messy like the forest floor, but some magic has been in the making....

No single conference or event is large enough to contain what wants to emerge through us. We need to experiment with new shapes to channel these flows of possibility.

We are all connected to a healthy mycelial web of possibility pulsing across the Earth. Each time we come together in our diversity, we re-ignite each other’s spirits, imaginations and dreams. It’s as miraculous as when a flush* of mushrooms pops up in the forest in all their glorious textures, shapes and colours after a rain.

What would happen if we looked to the patterns of fungi to understand our humanity?
What if we (humans) let ourselves be composted so we could re-integrate and re-generate into our ecosystems?

We sense that the conditions are right, that a Mushrooming of co-created knowledge is prepared to emerge. What shape will you take?

Thank you for participating in the mystery, the marvelous, the mycelial.

Love,
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*In mycology, a flush refers to a wave or cycle of mushroom fruiting bodies that grow and mature together over a period.

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