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My Mission Creating a world fit for children

My mission is to work with others to empower as many people as possible to have sense of personal meaning and agency and to create a world that is fit for future generations.

My career path has covered everything from strategic management to early human development, education systems, indigenous perspectives, natural systems dynamics, and the importance of family and community life for the creation of sustainable societies and cultures of lifelong learning. What has been consistent throughout, however, is a focus on how human systems work, what blocks them and how they can be nurtured and optimised. And this has been the same, whether looking at a baby, a young child, an adolescent, a family, a school, a community, a city or a nation.

In the last few years, it has become increasingly clear to me that everything is relational and that the thing that most matters in life is to cultivate the awareness and sense of 'aliveness' that allows us to feel into the patterns and beauty of the wider system. What most damages us is disconnection – from our Selves, from Each Other and from the Natural World and what most heals us is reconnection. My recent work has been to find ways of explaining to people 'Why they are the way they are' (the Roots of Difference) and what steps they could take to towards healing (the Path to Compassion).

As an independent academic and researcher, my primary focus has been the optimisation of early human development (getting it right at the beginning), the transformation of current education systems and how we can nurture and measure human values and wellbeing to support optimal functioning. I am interested in regenerative economic design and how we can encourage population level mind-shifts in how individuals collaborate, co-create and contribute to sustainable and regenerative futures.

As a catalyst and change-agent, I am passionate about the power and potential of collaborative leadership and multi-stakeholder collaborative change, and am involved in number of transformation networks that are anchored in a sense of responsibility for safeguarding human and planetary wellbeing at all levels of global society.

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