



NFA Common Community Visioning A Vision Quest for 2024



For our opening event on Sunday 11th Feb, the wonderful Innerlinks team offered to the community a powerful yet tender 'Next Steps Process'. In preparation, working together with the NFA Council, an intention was discerned to be our focus:

“We intend to explore what is needed to create a cohesive and purposeful community”.

We were then guided through the process with compassion, spaciousness and humour by the Innerlinks team, with community members in the hall drawing cards from the Transformation Game decks in sequence.

Our **Primary Insight** card was: **“You nourish the new, affirm the highest and behold the best in life while giving constant thanks for it”**

This was followed by a **Setback** card: **“Are we really all one? Your ego receives a minor dent and you react by getting uptight cutting off the love flow and effective communication”**

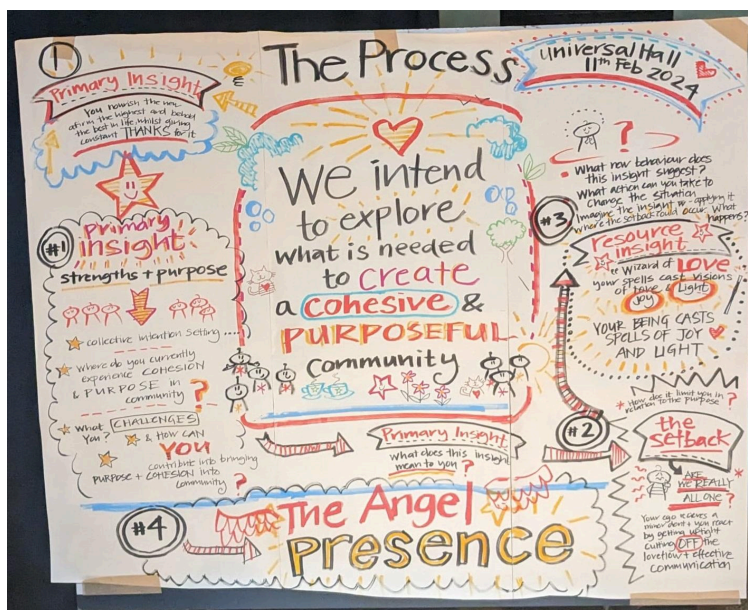
We then received a **Resource Insight** card: **“Wizard of love your being casts spells of joy and light”**

And finally, we drew an **Angel** card: **Presence “Your thoughts create. Your actions matter. Your presence changes everything. Align with your essence. Know your place, stand up fully in yourself, and greet each moment afresh”**



At the start of the event we had read aloud some words from Clarissa Pinkola Estes to accompany us on our journey: “One of the most calming and powerful actions you can do to intervene in a stormy world is to stand up and show your soul. Soul on deck shines like gold in dark times. The light of the soul throws sparks, can send up flares, builds signal fires ... causes proper matters to catch fire. To display the lantern of soul in shadowy times like these – to be fierce and to show mercy toward others, both — are acts of immense bravery and greatest necessity. Struggling souls catch light from other souls who are fully lit and willing to show it. If you would help to calm the tumult, this is one of the strongest things you can do.”

We have been struck by the synchronicity between these words and the process.



We would like to express our deepest gratitude to the generosity of heart and skill of the Innerlinks team, Joy, Judy, Kathy and Mary, to Rosie for her wonderful capturing of the essence of the event in colourful graphic form, to Rudolph for ensuring that all the technical aspects were dealt with smoothly, and to everyone who came to participate with your hearts, minds, souls and bodies on what was a grey, damp, chilly late winter's day, and last but not least, the NFA Angel of Vision, the community Angel of Risk, and all the seen and unseen beings - thank you all so much!

We will find a way to ensure that all this information is made available for everyone to see, we will invite your feedback, and we will keep the essence of what unfolded with us as we embark on the next stage of our Quest for a Common Community Vision.

As we continue, the aim is to bring together all the creative thinking around a 'Common Community Vision' in order to build coherence, to see where we are going and how we might get there. We are drawing on all the skills, wisdom and generosity of our community as we navigate this newly opening territory, and we continue to meet with all those who sent proposals to us.

Watch this space for details of the next event in the Quest and details of the upcoming Community Transformation Game!

Blessings, Sue and Viv on behalf of NFA Council
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