PIONEERING PATHWAYS
From Our Destructive Present To a Regenerative Future

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Pioneering Pathways
88 Integral Leaders and Changemakers from 43 countries across diverse cultures, backgrounds and ages, from 7 to 91, associated with Home for Humanity, respond to the question:

“From your personal perspective and experience, and looking from your own current cultural and societal context:

What are the most effective ways to transform our divided world into a ‘home for humanity’, and nurture the paradigm shift towards a regenerative, inclusive, just and peaceful Earth Civilization?”

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"Humanity is spinning out of control. Unconscionable wars, the desecration of the planet, the loss of meaning to so many, and the sense that we are skirting around the Apocalypse. How did we get here? We now face the utter destruction of all the beauty and order built up over millions of years of evolution on our home planet. Where are we now? We are caught in the great chasm between the end of one world and the early beginnings of a new one. Either nearly all is destroyed, OR this is the time for another order to emerge.

But who are we? We are the ones who can make the difference and help co-create the new story. Many of us, perhaps you who are reading this book, are proclaiming the need for a deeper story, one that helps us understand what is really happening.

We need an alternative: if not this, then what?
We need a narrative that people everywhere of all cultures, backgrounds and ages recognise as their deepest longing. We need a narrative that can evoke and inspire.
For right now, there is no lure of becoming, there is little for people to move towards. The daily diet on television of bombs and wildfires, death and denial, does not serve, and yet...

This is the open moment! This is the time to turn the page of history, each one of us individually and all together, before it is blistered and burnt beyond repair.
This is when the strategic yearning for a new, reinvigorated world must be met – by us!
This is a time for deep imagination. This is the time for going beyond the familiar confines of what we know and have known.

This is the time to awaken our capacity to imagine, envision and create the sound, shape, and feel of hope, and of the potential new world that works for all.
This is exactly what Pioneering Pathways offers: the first chapters of our new story. This is OUR story, with each page, each chapter, co-authored by all of us, people everywhere who yearn to explore and believe that there is a new world coming and they are a part of it.
In the fullness of our purpose, our passion and our potential.

This world-creating book shows us the extraordinary power of our individual and collective possibility to transform destruction into regeneration, as we follow the lure into full Earth Citizenship. It incites us to convene Earth Agoras to unleash our collective imagination. Pioneering Pathways moves us a step closer to the emergence of an inclusive Earth Civilization, one in which we all embody the social artistry of creative partnership with the living universe.

Take this book for what it is: an urgent invitation to each of you who reads it to add your page to this collective story, and to recognise yourself as co-author and co-creator of our future."

Prof. Dr. Jean Houston
Chancellor of Meridian University
Founder of Social Artistry
Co-Originator of Human Potential Movement
USA,
Co-Chair, Home for Humanity
The unfolding war in Ukraine has brought a brutal end to peace in Europe. Its human, geopolitical, geoeconomic and geodigital ripples are being felt almost everywhere. For many, the war is a requiem for a dying global system that has visited untold suffering on people and planet. As a result, the world appears to be in crisis, unmoored, in disarray. Those who controlled the narratives about how this world should be ordered, polities governed, and nature harnessed are finding it hard to accept the end of an era and the dawning of a new one.

Nothing concentrates the mind more than a crisis. It is in times of crises that collective consciousness flourishes and the mettle of leadership is forged. Crises serve as a crucible for the emergence of a new order where alternative common futures for all find a home. And we are seeing blossoming around the globe a community of change pioneers who are transforming an emerging human awakening into initiatives to heal the wounds of division, make peace with nature and lay the foundations for a united, regenerative, just and peaceful future for all living beings.

Home for Humanity serves as a nurturing platform where these pioneers come together to pool their wisdoms and co-design integral ways to scale up their initiatives for the benefit of fellow earth citizens everywhere. The ‘Pioneering Pathways’ publication before your eyes offers their illuminating journeys. Each compelling contribution is a building block towards a common vision of a human community that no longer suffers from the apartheid of abundance, the scourge of otherness, and the wounds of painful pasts that continue to stain and strain our human condition.

And if you think I am a dreamer of a world that will never be, I happily plead guilty. I find no solace in the one in which I am living. And I dare you to read this publication and still claim you’re the same indifferent, dreamless human being you were, before taking up this challenge.“

Dr. Youssef Mahmoud
Former UN Under Secretary-General
Head of UN Peace Operations in Central Africa
Tunisia
Co-Chair, Home for Humanity

"Stand in contemplation under my branches and you will learn about regeneration and peace," said the Olive Tree.
How do we respond to the monumental toll of suffering, grotesque global inequity and planetary emergency, exacerbated by the war in Ukraine, and its devastating consequences for our future?

*Pioneering Pathways - From our Destructive Present to a Regenerative Future* is a joint response of 88 changemakers from 43 countries, aged 7 to 91, to this burning question of our times.

Pioneering Pathways is the cumulative outcome of multiple Earth Agoras, convened by Home for Humanity, online and onsite, between 20 December 2020 and 20 December 2021, the International Day of Human Solidarity. Earth Agoras were conceived by Home for Humanity as creative open forums for concerned Earth citizens to imagine and co-create our shared future. This book aspires to inspire multiple such Earth Agoras worldwide, where each participant adds her/his response and page to our common story.

The contributors of this book constitute a diverse group of changemakers who have come to realise, through their own life experiences, and the crises in their own communities and countries, that this planetary state of emergency is a clarion call for collective emergence. This book is not written by an ‘eminent expert panel’ or academic research council, which deliberates, analyses and provides a definitive ‘best’ answer, or plan of action. Nor is it a collection of utopian dreamers, removed from the horrors of what is happening in the world. On the contrary, this book features a multiplicity and diversity of contributors, who are all engaged in the reality of life, and committed to make a contribution to our shared future, whether long-term established leaders or young aspiring agents of transformation. Together, they exemplify the manifold, participatory, innovative and eminently practical ways in which Earth citizens show up as integral leaders and future builders – at once locally relevant and globally resonant.

Each of the 88 contributors featured here is a collaborator, co-creator, ally or friend of Home for Humanity: a growing movement of agents of transformation, ‘homes for humanity’ and home-initiated organisations who pioneer ecological, economic, cultural and societal renewal. They share an integral philosophy rooted in the interconnected wholeness and unity of life. They are united by a collective vision, expressed in the ‘Humanity Charter’, of transforming our divided world into a united and regenerative home on Earth. They are part of a wider, growing ‘Earth Family’ of people worldwide who feel a sense of kinship with and commitment to life on Earth, and who collaborate with Home for Humanity.

The integral compass, depicting this philosophy, serves to navigate the book, and the Humanity Charter guides us, chapter by chapter, through the contributions of the book. Both are presented in the next pages.

While each contribution expresses its distinct particularity, the diverse contributions jointly surface a quintessential ‘meta-pathway’: a shared experience of the ‘birth pain’ of a new story that is labouring itself through all of us; the imperative of starting with inner transformation
of ourselves to achieve global transformation; an intense love for the Earth and all its
inhabitants; an urge to transcend all that divides and limits us and change the paradigm;
and a motivation to unfold our social artistry for world-making to build a regenerative
future for all life. This meta-pathway is represented beautifully in the collective harvest of all
the individual pathways, which is featured in the Epilogue of this book.

Pioneering Pathways is Home for Humanity’s gift and open invitation to all concerned Earth
citizens to pool our ideas, cross-fertilise our initiatives, and accelerate our efforts to transform
our unliveable present into a life-affirming future.

We hope that this cohesive kaleidoscope of images, intentions and initiatives you now survey,
at once concrete and evocative, expressed with such immediacy, authenticity and originality,
will arouse your interest and support your own conscious co-creation.

Alexander Schieffer & Rama Mani
Conveners, Co-Editors and Curators
of Pioneering Pathways
Co-Founders, Home for Humanity

Gift and Gratitude ... as this book is a miracle of co-creation and dedication

It has taken only three months from the conception of Pioneering Pathways, on 20 December 2021, the World
Day for Human Solidarity, at our annual year-end Earth Agora, through its monumental process of gestation, to
its birth on 20 March 2022, the World Day for Happiness. Please forgive any imperfections, while savouring it.

This book is a labour of love, a gift from Home for Humanity to all Earth citizens.
It was undertaken from start to finish without funding, sponsorship or financial support, impelled simply by our
desire to contribute in this painful time to our emerging future. It was made possible by the engagement of all our
collaborators and the dedication of the core Home for Humanity team.

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Thank you all!
Navigating the Pioneering Pathways

The Integral Compass

This compass depicts the Integral Philosophy and Theory of Change based on the dynamic and interconnected wholeness of life, in which all of Home for Humanity’s transformative processes are grounded. It also mirrors the six dimensions of the Humanity Charter, the vision that inspires our mission.

The contributions, relating to all aspects of life, spoke to all dimensions of the Humanity Charter and organically found their place around this compass.

We will navigate the Pioneering Pathways with the help of this compass. The compass represents the cycle of life and cardinal directions of the Earth.

Our book begins with Humanity in the Centre, then proceeds to Nature in the South, Culture in the East, Education in the North and Systems in the West, to conclude with Humanity-in-Unity in the circumference representing our Earth Home.

You can travel with the compass in any direction, following your interest, intuition and instinct. By engaging with the multitude of changemakers and pathways portrayed in this book, you are invited to journey yourself in this integral, dynamic life-based cycle of transformation and renewal.
IGNITING HUMANITY:
WE SOURCE OUR HUMANITY IN UNITY
The Unity of all Life is the Source and Sustenance of Our Humanity

REGENERATING NATURE:
WE LIVE TOGETHER AS AN EARTH COMMUNITY
The Universe is a Single Family
and the Earth is our Shared and Sacred Home

RENEWING CULTURE:
WE NURTURE A CULTURE OF INTEGRITY AND PEACE
A Renewed Culture of Humanity
Emerges from our Infinite Diversity and Innate Unity

TRANSFORMING EDUCATION:
WE CULTIVATE THE WISDOM OF LIFE
Ancient, Indigenous, Emerging Knowledge
Affirms the Paradigm of the Interconnected Wholeness of Existence

ACTUALIZING SYSTEMS CHANGE:
WE PIONEER A REGENERATIVE FUTURE
An Inclusive Earth Civilization Rises from our Conscious and Courageous Actions for a Just and Regenerative Future for all Beings

EMBRACING UNITY:
WE FULFIL OUR HUMANITY IN UNITY
A World that's a True Home for Humanity
Celebrates the Indivisible Family of Life

We are guided by the Humanity Charter
A Collective Vision for our Times

Launched on International Peace Day 21 September 2019,
the Humanity Charter is a collective vision for humanity’s future.
It was developed jointly with inputs from innumerable pioneering changemakers and collaborators of diverse cultures, ages and backgrounds on all continents.
HUMANITY

We Source Our Humanity in Unity

The Unity of all Life
is the Source and Sustenance of Our Humanity

We aspire to embody the ‘unity’ embedded in ‘humanity’: the unity within us, between us, and with all forms of Life.
"The biggest change I want to see in the world is to stop wars, Because in wars there are no winners and no losers: everybody loses. War does not bring justice, it doesn’t bring understanding, It doesn’t bring alignment. And it doesn’t help Mother Earth.

War destroys the whole sequence of creation. It pits one person against the other. When you start pitting one against the other, there is no end to it. I don’t always agree with everyone, But I listen to the other and even if I don’t agree, I will go with the consensus because it might be better for the greater good.

Respect is the primary quality we need today. If I can respect your views and where you come from, and if you can respect my views and where I come from, that is a start. If we can live life like that, Mother Earth and humanity will be better off. Every person who is born has a part to play.

For my part, as a Maori elder, and Indigenous spokesperson, I have tried to ensure that the voice, wisdom and rights of all indigenous peoples around the Earth are enshrined and respected in all dimensions of life.

As a human being, I have travelled to every war zone and every endangered people or area affected by nuclear contamination, that I could reach to stand in solidarity and express my opposition to violence and domination of any kind.

And daily, I have given thanks to Mother Earth."

Pauline E. Tangiora
Maori Elder and peace mediator
Councillor, World Future Council
Aotearoa / New Zealand
This war scares me. I am in revolt against it. I’m very unhappy, because I don’t know how far it could go. I’m afraid this tyrant could wipe out Ukraine altogether.

My parents had to leave the countryside in Ukraine at a very young age to come and work under contract in industries in France, back in the 1920s. But until their last day they suffered from being uprooted from their homeland. I was born in 1934 in France, the daughter of immigrants, but my first ‘patrie’ – the country of my parents - is Ukraine.

My parents transmitted to me not only the Ukrainian language but also and above all their love for Ukraine. They taught me that for a Ukrainian the most important value is respect for human beings.

My message to the world is that every human being must have the choice to remain free and live honorably and safely in his or her country, or to leave it of his or her own free choice. People should not find themselves forced to leave their homeland, whether because of war or penury. Because an expatriate, an immigrant, an exile, a refugee, is unhappy all his or her life, like a tree uprooted from its native soil.

I suffer for my fellow Ukrainians who are fleeing from their beloved country because of this atrocious war. And I pray for peace, in Ukraine, and in our world.”
“Each time, when I think of my past, I see the fire that still never stops in the place I come from. ‘Refugee, here I am’ today, not because of my individual problem, but because I said to the Congolese government, through my songs, to stop using children in the Coltan mine. Their place is at school.

I told them: We have to show some respect to the women, stop raping them. More than 5 million kids have died, and around 2 million women already have been raped in Eastern Congo - just for technology, for profit and greed. Almost 28 years of war in Congo, and the world is still blind. For saying this, I’ve been tortured like pork in butcher’s hands, they pulled out 3 of my teeth with a clamp. They gave me a 10-year sentence in jail... But I escaped prison...

...to Turkey, where I became an asylum seeker – seeking but never finding refuge.

I faced pain, hunger, no shelter, I slept in the streets of Istanbul in winter time, This is what they call Hell.

Before, at home, I slept in a villa, I drove luxury cars, I loved girls. But I left all of them behind.

While some dream of greed, of having more and more, all I dream of is the freedom of Congolese children and women.

I dream of a time when everybody will be equal in the eyes of the law.
I just stop my tears because they can’t cure me,
I’m still searching for the truth of my story, the actuality of my past.
After almost 15 years in the house of exile,
I never give up with my music:
1000s of concerts, 10 albums, 41 documentaries,
100s of university conferences and 7 books published.

What the world needs today is to make love, not war
What the world needs today is to build peace.
With war, only the stronger side wins;
but with peace, both sides win.
No matter who is wrong or right,
war is not good for me, and not good for you either.

Red Black or White
There are differences between us:
differences of nationality, colour, faith and social status - but to focus only on these,
to the exclusion of what we have in common,
is to create problems for ourselves.

Enzo Ikah
Musician & Activist for Peace & Refugee Rights
Democratic Republic of Congo
(Asylum Seeker, Turkey)
“Today is March 8, 2022, Women’s Day, and I look out the window at a sky that is alien to me, but I think of memories that, with all their pain, were and still are dear to me. I think of the women who are imprisoned by the Taliban today, and the small girls who are captivated by the do’s and don’t’s of petrified men, girls who are even barred from going to school. I think of years ago, how much I tried to express a slogan for Women’s Day - to give a message of hope to other women to become strong leaders. I think of the days of working with women military as Minister of Defence and with the girls as Deputy Governor of Kabul.

I think of the days when I was insulted because I am a woman, I was harassed because I was a single mother. I think of the days of hope and days of despair. But whatever it was, it was my homeland and we hoped for change. Because we knew, it was Afghan women who changed the face of our society. Because women never caused destruction and war. But now war, war, war, has become a major global pressure. I can be a Ukrainian woman because I know how much they are hurt.

When I look at my 16 year old daughter, I see the pain of emigration and the wounds of loneliness and poverty on her face, but I tell myself that these pains can be treated by studying. But the pains of Afghan and Ukrainian girls have become a deep wound on the body of the world because they are deprived of proper education.

My daughter says I wish no weapons were produced, and I say with a bitter smile that I wish we humans did not care about colour, race, gender and religion.

She says, I wish the world was armed with love. Although I believe in the power of love and peace, I say, this is a dream, my child!

Let us admit and say that if we don’t rise against war, we will not give a good world to the next generation. Because war, unrest, restrictions, and gender discrimination have become signs of power for some people who fear peace.

I tell my daughter, that the mission of every human being is to spread love in their environment and this is a holy struggle. We must strive to humanize the world. Although I’m worried about women in war-torn countries, I’m sure that one day women leaders, will save the world from war.
Maybe one of these women leaders will be your daughter. Look at her face! Peace can be seen in her face. “
"Russia’s invasion of Ukraine was a terrible shock to me. Not only because it brought back the horror of Russia’s military support to Assad’s war against his own people in my country, Syria. But also because I lived and worked for six years in Ukraine in my 20s. They were such good people. I had such close friends - now I don’t know if they are safe or alive. I then worked in Georgia, another amazing country. And they too had a war with Russia in Abkhazia.

The White Helmets (Syria Civil Defence) is a project I was a part of since almost the very beginning. They started as few volunteer teams trained to save their communities after shelling or bombardment. When teams from different cities gathered in 2014, they created their first code of conduct and united their efforts under one name. They managed to get the whole world listening to them, and seeing their heroism in saving lives and exposing the crimes that took place on their communities. They even received the Right Livelihood Award, or Nobel Alternative Prize, and an Academy Award for a film about them.

I am now working on to set up a community-based humanitarian project in my home-town of Raq’aa - which, by the way, was a great cosmopolitan city till the war and ISIS destroyed it.

To transform our divided world we need a global humanitarian movement that is not top-down but bottom-up and led by the community, based on real values of humanity.

This is exactly what Home For Humanity is trying to achieve by creating bridges between all continents, geographies and communities by creating Homes for Humanity in many countries that can help connecting all community-based initiatives to meet up and support each other."

Nour Saleh
Humanitarian Worker and Refugee Activist
Syria
Home for Humanity Volunteer
"In order to transform our society and to see how to unite and make this whole world a home for everyone, a true home for humanity, we need to start from our own selves. This is what I believe and experienced, over and over again, as a doctor and public health practitioner, as a community developer and as a peace mediator, through all the crises we have faced in Sri Lanka. It is the inner transformative journey which can lead us to connect with other people, to have empathy, to be able to work collectively and to regenerate the economic, political, cultural and social life of our society. We at Sarvodaya, using an integrated approach to human development, call it the 'Awakening of All' which is the meaning of our name.

Transformation starts from our own selves; more accurately from within ourselves and our spiritual lives. Only when the inner process is initiated, we can be looking at how to work collectively at a community level, how to share our resources and care for each other, and how to generate new systems to sustain our basic needs. Such primary needs should be satisfied locally, to the extent possible, through our own local efforts. Thereby, we will bring about a new world, collectively.

Home for Humanity is really holding that vision together with all of us who are trying to create homes of humanity in different parts of the world. It brings us all together on one platform to transform this world."

Vinya Ariyaratne
President, Sarvodaya Movement
Sri Lanka
Home for Humanity Sri Lanka
"Growing up in the Middle East you feel in the center of the world. Growing up in Jordan – a country of tolerance and peace burdened by the weight of carrying millions of refugees from surrounding countries over decades and caring for them – makes you feel a sense of responsibility, empathy and care for humanity. Born in the UK with Palestinian / Lebanese / Austrian blood and growing up in Amman going to an international school, graduating and studying in the UK and the US, made me feel like a truly global citizen. The result?

A deep passion for community. A true appreciation of home and the need for a ‘home for humanity’. A thirst for knowledge, not for knowledge’s sake but to be shared with and benefitted by all. A curiosity about self – truly embracing what it means to be conscious, awakened and present in order to be the best version of yourself for yourself, your loved ones and your community. A belief in sustainability so that our earth can thrive for generations to come. A relentless effort within our company, Medlabs, to be an integral enterprise with a focus on ‘Healing Society’.

Refugees of displacement and war, my parents struggled but made a good life for their family because they believed in the importance of education and kindness. I believe we can nurture a regenerative, inclusive, just and joyful earth civilization if we all embrace kindness while being gracious enough to learn about and celebrate the history, cultures, science and potential of who we are and could be together."

Zeina Sahyoun
Chief Community Development Executive
MedLabs Integral Enterprise
Jordan
Trans4m Home for Humanity Collaborator
"Is it possible to nurture the necessary shift of paradigm to deliver a regenerative, inclusive, just and joyful Earth Civilisation?

It is not certain, but it is possible.
The chance I have to contribute is my personal engagement.
And, I struggle every day in many ways to be a better human being.
I love the 'being' part, as it is restlessly active.
Just like justice, inclusion and regeneration,
which are not static, not a given, nor a permanent state.

Civilization encompasses the billions of minds and efforts through the ages that advanced knowledge for better living.
However, civilization has not been straightforward throughout the evolution of the planet for all people.
We are handing to the future a civilisation rooted in all forms of social inequality.

Ethically, it is possible to transform the future from the present.
One person cannot do it alone, but has to start with itself.
Old wisdom is vibrant: change starts within oneself.
Change constructed with a purpose, through a time line.

Change stems from challenges, obstacles, daily life.
Change comes from change and produces new obstacles & challenges.
There is never a one-sided story, one-sided history is mainstreamed. We see it today.

Is the world being reshaped today? Yes.
Because of Russia and Ukraine? No.
Let’s fight for all the voices and all the pains to be represented
And for all the voices to be active in shaping transformative, inclusive solutions.

What is my personal contribution to this?
To live in self-consciousness and to be bravely committed
to transform myself into a better person, respecting myself and serving others on a constant basis.

And, yet, I struggle being a human being.”

Pilar Alvarez-Laso, Mexico
Former Assistant Director-General, UNESCO
Former Head of UNESCO Missions in Haiti, Uzbekistan, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras and Panama

Mexico
"Let us remember that if we want to build a future, and this is probably the hardest thing for all of us, everything must become new for each and every one of us. We must become new in ourselves, and with that, everything else. And if we ourselves have not become new, there are no new paths for us that lead anywhere else than where we are now. Everything that is based on the old, our thinking, acting and doing, only drives us in circles and leads nowhere new.

That is the most difficult thing we have before us, to recognise - what is new. For we must be aware of one thing: every thought we have only comes from our own past, that is, from the old, and is therefore not new. The mind, the brain, can only process what has been. It does not look into the future. Consequently, we have to sharpen new instruments within ourselves to receive what we are supposed to. We ourselves are no longer able to find the way independently. Each of us has had this chance in all our lives and each of us has wasted it. Through self-will. Where self-will has led us, we see today, everywhere.

Humility and recognition are missing. Overestimation of the individual, in all matters, is the greatest destructive force. Only when we receive what we are supposed to receive and begin to implement what we are supposed to do with all the strength at our disposal and with all our abilities, does everything begin to become new. For a future as it should be. Only then do we begin to be truly human, to have a constructive effect in this wonderful creation.

Through good will (genuine will is always permeated by the spirit) and the longing for the light, we find the way to ascent, out of the all-destroying present of our present time.

So in the end, everyone must ask her- or himself: 'How are you human?'"

Thomas Schneberger
Naturopath
Germany
“How do we recover our lost sense of being part of something totally sacred? The Feminine is a totally different worldview or paradigm of reality — a perspective that regards this planet as part of a Sacred Cosmic Order, whose precious life we are here to protect and to serve. The Feminine requires a radical transformation of our understanding of life and our relationships, relinquishing the millennia-long struggle for power between nations and manifesting as a new planetary consciousness which recognizes the interconnection and interdependence of all aspects of life, including ourselves. It requires that nations urgently renounce their ongoing preparations for war and begin to work together to safeguard the life of the planet, on whose life all our lives depend."

Anne Baring
Historian and Jungian Analyst
Author of “The Dream of the Cosmos: A Quest for the Soul”
UK
Mentor of Home for Humanity

Trust Our Shared Human Connection
"Remember what connects us."

“To heal our divided world, we need to learn to share responsibility and trust each other. My wish for humanity is that we remember where we came from and why we came here. Remember not only what makes us different from one another but what we share and what connects us, learn to trust our human connection that we all share."

Nyima Sauser
Musician and Filmmaker
Tibet - Switzerland
Home for Humanity Team Artist
"Now and then, in presence and in absence, in the whole and the void, above and below, everything that is, is simply love. Some call it frequency, others try to separate it into fragments, people, systems, worlds. As many names as thoughts, experiences, words have been attributed to it. But love is just a certainty, an unspeakable and unattainable truth.

The 21st Century is the century of love. We all know its laws because we carry them at a cellular, chemical, biological level, and as an emotional intuition or spiritual wisdom.

No one can show us the way, we all came here to discover it for ourselves. Hence its infinite beauty. Every feat of life, every hero's journey, every wound in the heart, every jump in evolution comes from love. Our highest challenge during this century will be to deeply understand love, its subtle power of healing, regeneration and awakening.

We know all we need to do is to get out of the way, welcome its presence to be caressed and embrace by it again. What we are living now is just the fear of love. All our suffering is held in the belief that love has abandoned us, no longer here. But it has always been, it is, and will be right here, right now. For it's simply all that it is.”

Aleka Vial de Grenade
Founder, Fundación Hypatia
Chile
"What is so special about dancing?" someone asked me one day. As I struggled to find the right words, I answered: ‘dancing is feeling without questioning, is allowing ourselves to embrace the emotions and transform them into a beautiful combination of movements that allow us to feel free. Dancing is a moment of peace’. Little did I know that my answer would become my purpose, and would help me serve my mission as a psychologist.

As I took the first steps into my career, I sat on my chair to hear and listen to the stories of many. Many who have crossed oceans looking for a brighter future, or, simply a future. Many who have suffered losses, and wish to find hope again. From young to older generations, all seeking for the same thing: to rebuild that connection with themselves, the world and others, that was once lost.

As I thought of the techniques, skills, theories I had learned I found that sometimes, they fell short. And then I realized, when words aren’t enough, there’s one thing that can help us reconnect with that spark inside of us, to help us keep on going: a hand that invites us to dance through the rhythms of life, to embrace, transform, to feel peace.

To dance in humanity, is to erase all barriers that separate us, divide us, and find freedom together.

My vision for the future is that we can all be that hand for someone, to heal together.”

Mora Neustadt Gonzalez - Echague
Psychologist
Co-Founder, MyHealing
Spain - Argentina
Take the Bullets Out of that Gun

“The way we look at others imprisons them within their narrowest allegiances. And that same look can also set them free.” - Amin Maalouf

“My Song: One Earth

Listen to the birds listen to the bees
Life is all around us listen you can even hear the trees speaking
We just got a little lost in our way, one earth,
misled by a million memories.

Hold my hand, you will find we’re a family
If we would just learn to set our differences aside
So close your eyes and jump into the fire
You’ll find there’s so much more to life than work-retire-die.

Listen to my words listen to my melodies
25 years I’m searching for meaning of peace
For as long as I remember I’ve been asked ‘where you from?’
I still believe the same, I say ‘from my mom’.

Imagine a world with no walls
No fear, no borders, bombs, no wars
It’s possible just take a look at your other
Forget race, embrace we are all sisters and brothers
Not born to waste but to praise and heal earth the mother
I know that you can feel it in the bottom of your heart
Millennia of wisdom being torn apart
We gotta come together to change our fate, join arms.

It’s a journey and it starts right here right now
With your feet in the earth and your hands to the sky
Just allow the truth to unfold ...

We are one
Let’s stand together on this earth
We can co-create our home
Celebrate the wisdom of life
Understand the past we come from
Build a future for everyone
Put a smile on every soul
Tell a tale that has to be told
Take the bullets out of that gun“

Arjuna Hiffler Mani
Cultural Activist and Officer, DOEN Foundation
France - India
Home For Humanity Founding Family

Picture taken by the author in Konarak, Odisha, India
We Live Together as an Earth Community

The Universe is a Single Family
and the Earth is Our Shared and Sacred Home

*We aspire to live and work in joyful and caring communion with Nature, and to nourish loving and healing relationships between all members of the Earth Community.*
"An authentic home for humanity embraces the understanding that spirits and Nature are entwined. Spirituality is at the core of being indigenous to our planet. Everything on Earth has a spiritual purpose and function, from herbs to human beings. All things in the world are living and share this mysterious web of interconnected energy. In such an animistic universe, nothing is an ‘it’.

Everything has aliveness and is equal in stature to us, something lost in our anthropocentric arrogance. The many who have been on Earth longer than our species are our teachers. Beyond their spirits, there are also invisible spiritual forces that can remember and guide. They inform or respond to all happenings and intentions. As balancing forces, they require understanding and respect.

The languages and ceremonies of various First Nations reflect ways to manifest this understanding and respect. Visions, dreams, and stories offer us ways to engage with spiritual energies, including our own, through lifetimes.

It is time for us to adopt the Indigenous Worldview.”

Four Arrows (Wahinkpe Topa) aka Don Trent Jacobs
Educator on Indigenous Worldview and Knowledge Systems
Professor, Fielding Graduate Institute
USA / First Nations People
"We humans are not likely to turn away from a path of separation and exploitation unless we discover a pathway into the future that is so remarkable, transformative, and welcoming that we are collectively drawn together by the felt nature of its invitation.

In that spirit, when we bring the many threads of the world’s wisdom together, they transform our understanding of reality (from dead to alive), and this transforms our understanding of human identity (we are both biological and cosmic in nature), and this transforms our understanding of our evolutionary journey (we are learning to live in a living universe).

Instead of struggling for meaning and a miracle of survival in a dead universe, we are invited to learn and grow forever in the deep ecologies of a living universe.

Learning to live in a living universe represents a journey so extraordinary, it calls us to heal the wounds of history and to realize a remarkable future we can only attain together."

Duane Elgin
Futurist and Author
Evolutionary Leader
www.ChoosingEarth.org
US/Earth
"Whenever I stop to reflect on our humanity and the paths ahead of us to transcend the existential weight with which we have consolidated the existence of our civilisation, I feel and understand only one way: Spirituality. An effort and a continuous practice to clean the genetic codes of the values imposed by a historical-socio-economic unreality that prevents human existence from flourishing in all its fullness.

The constant exercise of unveiling and recognising oneself as part of sovereign Nature, that which nourishes and nurtures our soul and heart, is the way of the heart. An expansive loving spiral, diluting all resistance of the body, emotions, feelings and thoughts. A spiral where we surrender and find ourselves simultaneously.

There are many tools to achieve this state. And Nature is the greatest of them. It offers us the way to transformation: an alchemy capable of transforming us into more mature and loving beings."

Dhan Ribeiro
Photographer and Editor, Kalango Press
Terra Mirim Foundation and Ecovillage
Brazil
Earth Mentor of Home for Humanity

Photograph by the author, titled “Declaration of Love”
"Let it be, inspire, and fill your hands with its magic power; then they change the world with the whispers of PEACE."

“While all the nature around me beautifully sings the song of renewal, while the spring is just behind each blossom, peace is threatened harder than ever.

While the revitalizing rain of April is going to repeat itself gently, the rain of the fire and blood strongly reminds us of its evil existence.

Let’s close our eyes and just listen. (Then you will ‘see’ what I see: for I was born without sight.)

Mother Earth has a lot to share. She whispers the message of unity for the diverse.

She repeats the golden rule in every moment: Let’s manage our life as complementary to the whole universe. She teaches us not to hurt, not to break, and not to violate. This is the rule of the home, where the inhabitants live in love and peace.

This is the rule for the Home for Humanity.

As Sepehri, the Iranian poet says:

‘Where I am, let it be so
The sky is mine
The window, thought, air, love, earth is mine
What does it matter
If mushrooms of nostalgia Sometimes grow?’”

Samaneh Shabani
International Lawyer
Justice and Disability Rights Advocate
Iran
Home for Humanity Team Volunteer
Asiatic Lion, National Animal of Iran
"Resilience in the desert: In the harshest of climates, beauty emerges, and resilience prevails ... 'the desert rose'.

“The desert rose begins as just another gradual accumulation of sand, wind & water. The harshness of the climate only serves to crystallize a beautifully embodied rose flower-shaped rock with the capacity to grow largely and extend into new shapes. From the accumulation of sand grains by wind action to water saturation from dew in the early morning in the sandy desert, thereby creating hydraulic pressure, to the exposure of the crystalized disk-like formation to intense heat, which evaporates water resulting in the growth of fractures and the emergence of the various disks to create the resilient desert rose.

Metaphorically, my life and social innovation journey evolved from a single grain into a large and growing body of social and economic transformation for my gender in Jordan, despite facing pressures and intense heat from opposition.

Like the desert rose, one’s life goes through different seasons, and the passage of each season deepens one’s understanding of her calling, and the ramifications of taking on this call. Simply put, I will keep living my call to combat social and economic injustice meted out on myself and others of my gender in Jordan, and a restoration of my deep relationship with nature. Also like the desert rose, my life’s rhythms align closely with the desert’s rhythms and psyche, which evoke the cycles of creativity and stillness, as I explore my life journey.”

Mayyada Abu Jaber
Geologist
CEO, JoWomenomics
Jordan
PhD Candidate
with Trans4m Home for Humanity
"What is home? Is it our natural habitat, our physical bodies, a sense of belonging to a caring community and the animal kingdom? Have we lost our connection to home, surrounded by cement and plastic, between earth and metaverse?

I invite you to spend time in the forest and the water, to eat more plants and read more books. To ditch your phone and talk to your friends and relatives, about your fears and anxieties, but also about the solutions you’ve heard about and experienced.

You might start small and focus on fewer things rather than aiming at changing the whole world at once. Set intermediary goals and celebrate them with yourself and people around you. And start with yourself, what can you do tomorrow to make your life more meaningful (e.g. changing diet, volunteering, sharing passions with other communities)?"

Maxime Bertocchi
Communications Project Manager
Pictet Group
Switzerland
Trans4m Home for Humanity Junior Fellow / Team Member
"I am committed to look beyond what the world call today sustainable and to aim at a regenerative future. As a young adult, I grew up in a world that promised me a variety of solutions that seemed to be sustainable, but upon a deeper look were nothing more than a facade. Multiple of them were not even tackling the root of the problem, even sometimes worsening it.

That's why I want to use my life to find regenerative solutions, solutions with a positive impact for the rest of all our lives.

For that reason, I joined the team of Home for Humanity after I participated in its university courses at the University of St. Gallen ‘On becoming an Agent of Transformation’ and ‘Reshaping International Development’.

Inspired by all its partner organisations working to create a regenerative future across all continents, I am going to work for the next 9 months with Home for Humanity’s integral partner organisation SEKEM, an exemplary Home for Humanity, to learn from and live with this sustainable enterprise and community in the Egyptian desert”.

Louise Maunoir
BA Student, St Gallen University
Switzerland
Home for Humanity Team Member
Trans4m Home for Humanity Junior Fellow
"As we live in a climate and planetary emergency, the path is clear and is one: recover the lost balance, the violated wisdom, understand that the cosmic-natural system is functioning perfectly and that if we are alienated from it we create death, because life is the law of the natural system.

We start from ourselves, responding to our human crisis – existential, emotional, mental, physical and spiritual. The journey of self-knowledge and healing reconnects us, through a holistic approach and perspective, to our nature. It values the precious ancient technology of indigenous peoples that facilitates and enables us to reconnect to the matrix of life. From our bodies and our territories, our land, it creates identities and transformative, restorative cultures.

We understand 'Nature/Pachamama', whose laws we must recognise and respect, as sovereign on this planet. We cultivate 'Pachamama' consciousness and reframe citizenship through a more natural, cosmic, planetary perspective. Reclaim existential/spiritual rights. We build, on this foundation, a solidarity network worldwide, aware of the collective body, mutually supporting communities living in and recovering harmony with nature.

We permanently reclaim Justice and Freedom on Earth, reconnecting to ancient wisdom and to our place in the Cosmos.”  

Dahvii Shiva  
Justice Defender, Terra Mirim Foundation  
Brazil  
Partner Organisation of Home for Humanity
"Ecological Interconnectivity is an exchange of gifts that makes the world a happy Home."

"Our ecological interconnectedness is the beauty of diversity that spices our world.

We share the common gene and common breath of creation. Let us, like good and responsible stewards, uphold the dignity of each species and celebrate our common Earth’s family, bonded in our diversity.

In the spirit of inter-generational consciousness, justice and solidarity, the Earth’s resources must be responsibly and respectfully preserved for future generations.

Together, we co-create friendship with the Earth, our Home and Hope.”

Sister Esther Shebi
Our Sisters of Fatima
Nigeria
PhD Candidate
with Trans4m Home for Humanity

Inter-generational Consciousness and Awareness Building: Sister Esther showing children how yam and other crops can be cultivated in sacks.
“The most effective way to transform obstacles to change and pioneer paradigm shift is to live your universal calling by listening to the universal language - your intuitive intelligence.

This is made possible by using your whole brain and creating a healthy microbiome, while, over time, consistently, in the way you live the epigenetic factors, by being and living as humanly as possible in resonance and alignment with the universal deeds and according to the universal life-forces.

These, all together, make it possible for us as human beings to be living and unfolding the universal transformational principle of 'giving while growing', like the apple tree.

Meditate regularly on the micro-level: what is important for me to be nourished now and in the near future? It can be music, food, meditation, nature, silence, books, other people etc.

Combined with meditation and intuitive focus on the macro-perspective: how can I be of service as the universal citizen I am, and the universal calling of which I’m a manifestation.

While intuitively meeting people, clients, cooperation-partners where they are at and being the bridge as well as being a bridgebuilder.

We are all different and here through universal consciousness for a reason, for a oneness and an intelligent purpose that is beyond who we normally think we are, and far beyond what normal societal structures impose on us as being reality.

This is why the organization Home of Humanity is of immense importance for us, to stand tall as the trees in the forest and to move like birds and fish in swarms, while we, with universal reach, are giving while growing.”

Helen Eriksen
Founder
Eriksen Institute for Interconnectedness
Denmark
Home for Humanity Denmark
“Dare to approach the mystery of the Living in oneself, in others and in the Earth in all its visible and invisible dimensions.

Dare to welcome this alterity by allowing oneself to be disturbed by the strange, the radically different.

Dare to take steps that weave links of sharing, of creative proposals, of joyful audacity.

Believe in the Beauty at the heart of the Living which remains intact in spite of everything, even when everything or everybody seems damaged or even massacred, and to put ourselves at the service of its re-emergence.

Believe in the invisible beings, true companions on the path of our earthly life and let them teach and guide us in our task of re-creators.

And WEAVE TOGETHER the web of LIFE

FOR ALL.”

Marie-Agnès Gauthier
LIFENET Artist of Gaia Culture Artwork
France
Contributing Artist
to Gaia Culture Installation at Home for Humanity
"Today is the 28th of February, 2022. The world seems to be in a total mess. Just as the global pandemic seemed to be slowing down, the potential threat of the nuclear war between Russia and the NATO forces is resurfacing. Even though I sit on the isolated, rural land of Terra Meera in my home country of Croatia I can feel the fields of fear spreading like a fire all around the world.

Yet, I do not feel desperate nor hopeless. Just like in my own life, I can see how this crisis will lead us closer to a collective awakening to the magic and generosity of our Great Mother Earth. The awareness of how alive and precious she is. I see how we are changing one place after another like a steady bush fire - regenerating our soils and souls.

I see homes and lands for humanity growing progressively in all corners of the world. I see my grandchildren living in the world of inner and outer harmony.

I see the future world of humanity united through social and cultural diversity. I greet you all from Terra Meera, a nurturing space for growing joy and hope for a life-affirming future of humanity.”

Irena Ateljevic
Founderess of SHE
and Terra Meera
Croatia
Home for Humanity Croatia
CULTURE
We Nurture a Culture of Peace and Integrity

A Renewed Culture of Humanity
Emerges from Our Infinite Diversity and Innate Unity

We aspire to honor and include the spirit, originality and creative expressions of all our peoples, cultures and tribes to jointly shape the integral and sustainable development of humankind.
“How do we transform our divided world? We have to start with ourselves first. Right now it’s all about me and I. We need to go beyond all ‘I’m’s’. You have to look at all the different sides of yourself, the nice sides and not so nice sides. And you have to start loving yourself and being yourself without wanting to impress anyone. Start by examining every aspect of your life.

When you are truly yourself, people will start to see you differently and notice the change in you. That is where faith and spirituality comes in - This is totally different from religion. You become spiritual when you are at peace with yourself.

After I discovered myself, who I am, I chose the indigenous path, I didn’t just pursue indigenous music, but also ancient dying languages, food, plants. I chose that path so I could protect and preserve what we are losing forever. But that path I chose showed me who I really am. It reminded me where I come from. I chose the indigenous path to see what the future is.

Ukraine affects the whole world, because of our concept of ubuntu – I am because you are. We only have one planet. If we destroy it, there is nowhere else to go. But I am very optimistic. People need love more than ever.

That is why I’ll simply conclude, ‘thank you for the love’.”
"The military has tanks, bombs, battleships and drones - and they have their weapons. I have a pencil.

The military has strong words – enemy, beat, conquer, liquidate, destroy. I have stronger words – community, compassion, justice, love and...

I have a pencil. It has amazing power. This was the tool that Tolstoy used to write War and Peace. And Picasso used for his studies of Guernica.

The principal use of a weapon is to destroy. The principle use of a tool is to build. The work of artists and activists cannot be stopped.

We need to call attention to Art that gives voice to people in different situations. Often peace builders and peace artists are not making the additional statement: where do we go from here? What is the next step to bring us along in the journey? That is why 'bridgebuilding' has been such an important image in my artwork.

Humanist art, for me is the world which reflects on the 'better angels of our nature'. It is not about power. It's about community. About understanding. And about learning.

On our world tour filming for our ABC Documentary, 'Can Art Stop a Bullet', I brought the film director and crew from Australia all the way to the rural campus of Home for Humanity in France, to shoot our film, because this I feel this is a place where humanist art flourishes.

This is a time when we need to be building more bridges.

And using our pencils
Not guns.”

William "Bill" Kelly
Award-winning Humanist Artist for Peace & Human Rights
Australia
Collaborator, Home for Humanity’s Earth Artistry

Bridge Building - Towards Human Rights,
by William Kelly and Aboriginal Artist Benjamin McKeown
“This morning on my Yogi-teabag was this message:

‘The essence of life is to transmit LOVE.’

Love is about unifying and not dividing.
Dividing is judging.
Instead of judging, what about understanding?
Judging is declaring right or wrong:
‘It’s right to be vaccinated versus it’s right not to be vaccinated.’
Understanding each viewpoint and accepting it leads to respect and tolerance. This attitude cancels conflict.

Respect and tolerance cancel war.
Respect and tolerance bring LOVE.”

Karen Gulden
Artist & Sculptor
USA, France
Collaborator, Home for Humanity’s Earth Artisry

Sculpture by the author:
“Sundance intercessor and his wife”.

"The two shamans work together for one cause: to canalize the Divine Energy – Love – and to convey it to the Earth, to every living being on our planet."
“We Tibetans are celebrating now our 2149th New Year, the year of the Water Tiger.

Each year, on the special occasion of Tibetan New Year, I perform a mythical character known as Drekar, the one who brings luck and happiness to the people.

I received the initiation into this character from a beggar some fifty years ago, when I was a child. It was so wonderful, so transformative.

Although I did not understand much of what he was saying, the energy that he transmitted was immensely positive and powerful. He gave us children so much joy and happiness.

This simple man awoke in me the passion and gift of sharing the wealth and wisdom of Tibetan culture with the world, as our contribution to a world that enjoys happiness and peace.

The world today needs only people who can plant seeds of happiness and peace, not WAR.

Our Home for Humanity community can lead this ‘seeding movement’ as a planter of happiness and peace in this new world.”
“We will need to think together, deeply, about our history and how we got to this place of destructive hierarchy, to understand more clearly what we, together, need and can do to change the paradigm. The system we’re living in divides us from each other. Us and Them. But, actually, we are all strangers, together, in this world, and we need to defy this murderous fragmentation.

Making films has taught me about collaborative work, which is best when each person brings something of themselves and their particular talent to the mix, rather than just following orders. This is a model of the kind of work we will need. Collaboration.

Making documentaries, I have learned to listen carefully and watch closely, as I try to intuit what is beneath the surface. When people tell me their stories, they’re giving me a precious gift and they do that when they feel they can trust me and understand that they, in turn, can ask me anything they want. We need to share our stories, equally, and to see ourselves in others.

Creativity allows us to find our particular voice, to develop our sense of agency and to imagine something different. To unearth and practice this capability individually and collectively is essential for finding our way. We need to make space for this.”

Maysoon Pacchachi
Founder, Oxymoron Films
Iraq-UK
Home for Humanity London, UK
"The moment before taking this breath is one of decision to go on living. The restraint of this automatic movement opens the door to meditation, a moment of transformation, a still point of reflection, a pause.

In life and in dramatic performance this space of non-action, of potential, is where we work from. It is the moment when the actor/performer engages with the ongoing action of the drama, with the life of the character. The dramatic artist grasps reality through a series of quantum leaps from stillness. This series of ‘fixed points’ is essential to the process of concentration and elision in dramatic work. Through these crucial moments the spectators’ imagination and desire suffuses the scene.

Az Theatre’s projects, our collaboration with our partners Theatre for Everybody in Gaza, our research work on the Mutual Aid movement that arose in our neighbourhood during the pandemic, our work to produce Jeremy Seabrook’s play ‘A Place of Safety’ with the Bengali community in London and in Bangladesh, with the development of my play ‘Somebody Else’, all presuppose these truths.

Az is based in our home.

Theatre is the art that dissolves the oppressive habitual barrier between the private and the public and imaginatively reconfigures it. This symbolic transformation is the earth work for a new civilisation."

Jonathan Chadwick
Founder, Az Theatre
Theatre Director
UK
Home for Humanity London, UK
Reconnect to Lands and Roots

"The foraging for roots we have forgotten and forging new paths we cannot yet imagine."

"We invite you on a transformational journey to reconnect to land and roots, to place and people, to past and present, to ourselves and each other.

Each in search of what we seek, and offering that which we feel called to share, while allowing our curiosity to guide us in our search of collective learning and practices that nourish our souls and - giving rise to liberatory social, economic, and political practices we cannot currently conceive of.

Twelve of us from Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon and Egypt began such a journey three years ago to experience and re-manifest our abundant and diverse forms of cultural expression and water the fertile soil of our deeply rooted collective wisdom and practice; to support our healing and honor our collective resilience through a transformative field of shared learning and practice.

Together our journeys form a ‘Qafilah’ - a Caravan - that eventually transforms into a new and rooted social form, inspiring a new consciousness that upturns systemic domination. The Qafilah plants seeds of wellbeing; healing; remembrance; learning; doing; and being."

Come, come, whoever you are...
Come and come yet again...
Come even if you have broken your vows a thousand times
Wanderer, idolater, worshipper of fire...
Ours is not a caravan of despair,
This is the date of hope,
Come, come yet again, come.

- By Jalaluddin Rumi

Raghda Butros
Founder
Hamzet Wasel
Jordan
PhD Candidate
with Trans4m Home for Humanity
"To me, the most effective way to transform our divided world is to look at how our patterns of behaviour impact the wider patterns of our culture, people and nature.

It starts with the individual. When we begin to examine what those patterns are, we automatically start to ask what our purpose is.

In my case, working with patterns showed me how patterns are a universal language connecting us as humanity.

Being in nature, or in a warm and welcoming home, helps us find nourishment amidst the overwhelming times we are currently living in.

Being creative can be a way for us to heal and deepen our human understanding.

Being creative let’s us see how everything we do creates a pattern, which in turn affects everything else in our lives.

I believe choosing meaningful patterns will lead us towards a regenerative, inclusive, just and joyful earth Civilization."

Ama Nyarko Jones
Healing Fashion Designer
Uganda-Ghana-Germany
Home for Humanity Team Artist

Pattern designed for Home for Humanity by the author
“Transformative, joyful and just civilization is achieved through developing an interaction and solidarity with human beings, nature and animals.

My steps towards this important paradigm shift were taken through being more aware of my internal blocks, getting in touch closely with people, and the cultural and societal beauty of this Earth Civilization.

As such, enabling cultural rights (music, dancing, acting, art), social rights (collective and inclusive education, women empowerment, and genuine interest in and interaction with a society as a whole) brought me tremendous results and fulfilment.

A lot of work is still ahead, yet I am extremely grateful to this experience and particularly to the Home for Humanity family for their positive impact on this fascinating journey.”

Cholpon Kainazarova
Human Rights Officer
Maldives Mission to UN
Kyrgyzstan
Home for Humanity Volunteer
“When I am in the gift of love and generosity through creativity, especially in artistic creation, but also through authentic encounters and cultivating inquisitiveness, I am totally free and flourish.

Over the past two years, I have had the courage to take risks, to put myself in unstable, changing and unpleasant situations to follow my intuition, by trusting myself I have given me a beautiful gift. I followed my heart and turned to friends and communities, with innovative, inspiring projects geared towards the care of oneself, the care of others and the care of the planet. For example, I have engaged in educational projects in the development of life-skills for teachers, children and young adults.

Today I would like this freedom to manifest itself in my practice as a theatre director, with the desire to relieve the suffering of the world through art, by showing all the beauty of humanity, of these cultures and their diversity.”

Julia Leyris
Stage Director and Project Manager
France - Switzerland
Home for Humanity Volunteer
You can’t feel emotions
If you escape from your soul
And you will never reach perfection
Without losing control

You never heal nothing
If you don’t break your bones
Because In darkness
The way to get back in the zone
Is to take a step back
And let it roll on its own.

Victor ‘Vikash’ Morgan
Visual Artist, Sculptor, Musician
Switzerland - Spain
Collaborator of
Home for Humanity’s Earth Artistry
There are new kinds of healers called Evolutionary Artists. These pioneering artists serve the evolution of the world through creativity and consciousness.

We invite you to join us to create a more inspired and beautiful future. Together, we form a global alliance of transformational artists who are intuitive, innovative, and fully alive.

As Evolutionary Artists, we use our imaginations and creativity to serve the metamorphosis of humanity from an industrial growth society to a flourishing life-sustaining global civilization.

Our canvas is Life itself, with each of us playing our part, our note in humanity's evolving symphony.

Our orchestra is guided by a higher evolutionary force. In this living tapestry, invisible vertical ribbons of eternal presence, beauty, and love weave with the horizontal ribbons of time and space, bringing forth creative manifestation.

These expressions include dancing, film, painting, poetry, rituals, sculpting, singing, storytelling, transformative theater, and digital arts.

Evolutionary Artistry is a philosophy that stands on the shoulders of Conscious Evolution and the spiritual path of the creative process.

From the imaginal realm we birth new archetypes, myths, and stories that guide our planetary civilization, inspiring a reawakening of culture. We imagine the future into being, connecting cultures and countries, creating global community through festivals and feasts of celebration.

Join us as we rise, raise our consciousness, and craft a second Renaissance!

Lisa Longworth
Evolutionary Artist
USA
We aspire to enliven learning, transform education and innovate knowledge creation to serve human, social and planetary renewal.
"Everyone knows that we are on the cusp of a massive wave of transformation that needs to happen.

Sinal do Vale, the place I founded a decade ago, is localized in a valley between the urban sprawl of Rio de Janeiro metropolitan area and the high mountains of Mata Atlantica, around the Guanabara Bay where the iconic city of Rio de Janeiro is located.

Here in these 400 acres we discover the power of place and community. We experience the inherent abundance and resilience of nature which offers us creative solutions to our current problems.

Places like Sinal help us to return to the rhythms of nature, the rhythm of our own bodies, which enable us to tune into a new language of frequency, energy and vibration, creating biofields of vitality, nurturing the paradigm shift towards a regenerative, inclusive, just and joyful earth civilization.

SINAL which is conceived as a regenerative educational campus for the future allow us to care for our local communities, while still staying connected to our global tribes.

Homes for Humanity are identified everywhere and galvanize our collective capacity to co-vizualize, co-lead and co-shape these transformational processes from the local to the global, creating scale and hope!"

Thais Corral  
Founder, SINAL DO VALE  
Councilor, World Future Council  
Brazil  
Home for Humanity Founding Family  
Home for Humanity Brazil
"The human capacity to go beyond him/herself to reach out to others in love, companionship and harmony is the foundation of global peace. That, for me, is HOME

My ever-enduring symbol is the Iroko tree beside the flowing river. It never fades because it stays close to the source of its nourishment.

Pax Herbals, hosted in our Benedictine Monastery, has revived the disappearing knowledge of Indigenous African Traditional Medicine, known to our ancestors. Pax Herbals, as an integral enterprise-in-community, is also a home for our employees, Christians and Muslims working side by side. The knowledge we create together, grounded in African soil, is shared. Our African Action Research Community (AARC) serves this purpose: we co-create knowledge, from Africa, for Africa, for the World."

Fr. Anselm Adodo
Founder, Pax Herbals, Benedictine Monk
Nigeria
Home for Humanity Nigeria
PhD Senior Fellow with Trans4m Home for Humanity

"My weakness might be your strength and my strength might be your weakness. When we interact, we discover who we are and we are happy together."
Assess Our Presumed Knowledge

"Listen, learn, love and see - then speak, support, seek and be."

“Drawing from my own experience as a young woman situated within a Western context, I see that many people are dis-attached from their roots, their emotions, and often from their empathic selves. We often speak before we think, and do not take enough time to listen to others around us. We think it is our duty to have an opinion towards everything and cannot admit that sometimes we just don’t know enough to utter an opinion.

I want us to learn to listen to each other again and to carefully assess our presumed knowledge systems before we speak and judge. I want us to pause in between our often fast-paced and stressful lives and to let moments of silence guide us. I want us to feel before we judge and I want us to empathize, to be compassionate with one another before we reject.

In short, my vision for transforming our divided world into a ‘home for humanity’ starts with the power of (cross-border) dialogue, that is to listen, learn, love, and see - then to speak, support, seek, and be. From there, we are ready to take off and to co-create a just and regenerative future for all!“

Josephine Louisa Böllhoff
Student at University of Bielefeld
Germany
Home for Humanity Team Member
“We transform our divided world into a ‘home for humanity’ when we allow our hearts and minds to be what we desire to manifest in our world.

An open and generous heart is the only source of light that can lead us from the goodness that is in us towards a holistic existence.

Education is the root of the transformation we seek. How we nurture our children, how we impart and pass on knowledge, how we inspire creative expressions to thrive, how we explore with, mentor, facilitate, encourage, protect and provide safe environments is how we create a path toward a regenerative, joyful, just and all-inclusive Earth civilization.

When music, art and poetry are what we breathe, and gardens, rivers and trees are valued sources of knowledge, and when the Earth is heard with all its wisdom, and silence is our trusted friend; and if this is at the root of how and what we teach, then we can reclaim our balance and Oneness.“

Lara Sabella
English Literature Teacher
Ahliyyah Mutran Schools
Tanweer
Jordan
Partner Organisation of Home for Humanity
“Transformation is a deeply individual and intrinsic process, one that requires introspection and a willingness to shift perspectives. The world we live in today is one that is fragmented and in need of healing and reparation. I strongly believe that the first step in healing is the creation of the space and opportunities for individuals and societies to re-evaluate harmful and toxic behaviours, geared towards self-awareness and self-development.

Knowledge indeed is power, and as a lawyer with a focus on human rights, and as a talk show host in Sri Lanka, I am cognisant of how important it is to create rights-awareness on the one hand, and the need to create agency and critical thinking on the other, leading to a process of societal awakening.

Once this process of awakening has been initiated by using the power of global and social media and global ambassadors who are intentional about creating this paradigm shift in public consciousness, there begins the thirst for that new world. This renaissance will bring about a convergence and outpouring of individuals from across the world with a multiplicity of talent, skills and expertise – this will be the very cornerstone for the foundation of an inclusive, just and joyous world.”

Sonali Wanigabaduge
Human Rights Advocate &
Television Anchor
Sri Lanka
Home for Humanity Volunteer

Painted by the author
"One year ago, I read Leonardo Da Vinci’s biography and it fundamentally shifted the way I see the world. Indeed, Da Vinci was obsessively curious about understanding the world he lived in, he was constantly asking himself questions about what was going on around him (ex: why is the sky blue, what makes birds fly so well, what’s the secret to old age, etc...), and he was documenting his research in journals.

What inspired me the most and what I think would bring the whole of humanity closer together towards an integral ‘home for humanity’ truly is this curiosity beyond fixed disciplines. Nowadays we tend to cluster ourselves into very specialized fields, thinking of each other as ‘experts’, but such a mindset only divides us in so-called ‘subgroups’ of people who think in a similar way, and such subgroups are commonly found to weaken the benefits of diversity.

My vision for this world is for everyone to move beyond the blinders of their own ‘expertise’ and embrace a child-like curiosity in exploring new worlds and making transformative connections with their existing paradigms.”

"To shift from a divided and self-destructive world towards a regenerative environment, I believe in a shared Quest of (r)Evolution.

A convening Quest which, through its extreme urgency and deep meaning, would overshadow any individualist behaviour and short-term dispute.

A Quest that would not only mobilise all our resources but also catalyse their potency through the synergistic power of meaningful relationships.

A quest to (re)unite us all in our shared (r)Evolution.“
"A regenerative, inclusive, just and joyful Earth Civilization requires education and empathy.

Education gives people the tools to grow their minds, empathy gives people the tools to grow their hearts.

Education teaches us about inclusivity and justice, empathy teaches us about our humanity, our regenerative nature, and our joy. They connect us to our Earth in moments where we could not be more disconnected from it.

Education and empathy nourish each other, I strongly believe that to be true. Only someone who cares can learn, and only someone who is aware can care. I believe education and empathy to be at the root of any and all solutions for our divided world. Only they can bring joyful unity and sustainable peace. They give us a glimpse into the many ways in which we are all interconnected and push us to preserve these connections.

In a society where feelings are often seen as weak, we must learn again to cherish softness and open ourselves to feel and heal - ourselves, each other, our planet."

Amber De Smedt
BA, St Gallen University
Belgium - Switzerland
Home for Humanity / Trans4m Course Assistant

Empathy II by Jongwang Lee
"With the social progression of the world, there brews a diversity in cultures. It is important to know it but to understand it is another dimension altogether.

Technology has made it so much easier to interact with other ‘cultures’ and, as with television, this creates diversity through the interaction. A long while ago when I was a child, the community would have an almost equal authority in the nurturing of a child. It was a taboo for you to be left alone and this was seen by the community elders as doing something immoral. There was a sense of unity, help would easily come from anyone within the vicinity. This is now rolling away into the past. Very few, almost none, still practice this culture due to ‘development’. Not often do we understand that the history of such an uplifting and morally grooming society was indeed a development, where community members would work together and where this bred a lifestyle of respect, honor, and mutuality. Like a bee on a sunflower, they both need each other to survive, just as we are social beings.

To have a unified earth we need to UNDERSTAND our difference in cultures, UNDERSTAND our species as Humans, UNDERSTAND that regardless of our geographical separations we are linked and intertwined by Mother Nature.

All directions North, East, West, South point to each and every one of us. Let’s not just strive to know but let’s strive to understand.”

Muziwanele Thando Ngwenya
Photographer, Artist
Zimbabwe
Home for Humanity Team Member
"I believe that what is essential to focus on at this point in time is to deepen our connection with community and the earth through organic engagement that allows for mutual learning and reciprocity.

I also believe that it is essential to look for the beauty within ourselves, others and within our surroundings. For this authentic connection to take place, it takes courage and curiosity to experiment and try new things (as an individual and in community), it also requires investing time and doing the effort to continuously nourish these connections.

What is critical also is to have clarity around values that guide us, as decisions and connections become much more meaningful and we would be able to handle different issues and challenges more wisely."

Laila Abdul-Majeed
Community Engagement Specialist
Ahliyyah & Mutran Schools
Jordan
PhD Fellow with Trans4m Home for Humanity
"Cultivating Humanity, the key is ongoing integral learning, the process to unleash the full human potential, starting on an individual base so personal talents become a gift to the communities and lead to a conscious engaged balanced life. It means foster societies on their way to shift in an ecological responsible lifestyle in resilient ecosystems.

Cultivating Humanity is uplifting human consciousness and liberating from restricting habits. Never in human history these chances have been so reachable and global, never has the need been so urgent, never has it been so crucially important. The tsunami is roaring ...pandemics, climate change, water resources, artificial intelligence, algorithms, robotics, authoritarian governments, suppressed female intelligence challenges freedom, individual expression, a multi diverse humanity, peace and include the threat that we lose our existence on our Earth home for further generations, our existential foundation.

Cultivating Humanity is to invest in, enrich, or elevate all that it is to be human.

Cultivating Humanity works in labs and creates fractals with new socio-economic, socio-cultural approaches.

Cultivating Humanity implies to worship human dignity, respect human rights, live gender equality, lead to an ethical lifestyle embedded in awareness that we are part of nature as part of the universe.

Cultivating Humanity signifies to reach out in the future and bring the Golden Age – a true human renaissance – as an Earth Civilization in the now as well to integrate the lucid dreams of our ancestors.

Cultivating Humanity encourages humans to mindfulness and leads to an open hearted, trustful, joyful life in presence."

Pius Leutenegger
Founder, Centro d'Ompio
Switzerland-Italy
Home for Humanity Founding Family
"We are the world that either continues on the path of destruction or changes and transforms into all that it can be.

If everything starts in the formless, then, in order to shift from the current paradigm of division, destruction, individualism and commercialism we'll need to shift the collective state of consciousness and the conditioning of our minds. We'll need education, practices and experiences that inspire and condition a whole new way to act and to be.

Most commonly, actions flow unconsciously from the conditioning of how we were taught to live, to think and to be. So to create something new, awareness needs to grow. Cultivating the skills, to listen and act on inner moment-by-moment knowing as it arises from within spontaneously.

Just as the cells of our bodies have this innate intelligence of where to go, what to do and what to be so do we. This intelligence is self-organizing and connected to the best of the whole. It is felt when awareness expands from fragmented thinking into feeling, the felt sense of our whole being.

When tuning into this frequency and cultivating courage to act accordingly, we naturally move into greater unity. Moving from the I into We, aligning our knowing with the knowing of others, acting collaboratively, wisely and so lovingly from a place of inner peace."

Kajsa Liedén
Yoga Teacher, Former Lawyer
Organisational Well-Being & Integrative Health Coach
Sweden
Home for Humanity Team Coordinator
An Inclusive Earth Civilization Rises from Our Conscious and Courageous Actions for a Just and Regenerative Future for all Beings

As Earth citizens, we aspire to align our manifold initiatives for systemic change and global awakening to foster the wellbeing of all in our living universe.
“To build a regenerative future, we must go back to the reasons that divided
the world and its peoples: that is greed, the love of property ownership, and the
strong control over the weak whether they are individuals, groups of people, or
states. That has led to violence between members of society and wars between
nations. It has also led to the colonization by the powerful states of the weaker
by rich nations which led to colonization and exploitation of natural resources.

Colonialism exploited the resources of vulnerable states in Asia, Africa and
Latin America, whether human or natural. As a result, indigenous people were
killed and replaced by the colonizers, which happened in the United States,
Latin America and other world regions. When the British, French and
American colonists took advantage of the peoples of Africa, they abused them as
slaves to work in mines, paving roads and factories. It has also exploited the
natural resources of vulnerable states by using their resources and exploiting
them for the benefit of the coloniser, as we have seen in African and Arab
countries. This led in many cases to revolutions demanding the departure of
colonialism, which gave the formerly colonised countries formal political
independence, but kept them under economic control.

Therefore, any change in this reality requires firstly that powerful states do not
interfere with the affairs of weaker countries (which they call underdeveloped
or developing countries) without recognising that they themselves are the
reason for their lack of growth. Secondly, to give states the right to use their
wealth and to benefit from their riches in science and knowledge. Thirdly,
vulnerable states should be compensated for the injustice and exploitation that
occurred in the past.

Certainly, this can only be done if we work together to put an end to
exploitation, stop the arms race and stop wars, and to develop a new United
Nations system based on equality between States and a single standard to be
applied to all, where no State or individual is above the law.

At the individual level, being well educated, healthy, having comfortable
housing, a decent job, security and safety will transform the person into
another human being, in the sense that s/he becomes a lover of life, opens up to
the other, and becomes more tolerant and tender.

And with the help of people who believe in the power of love in human beings,
and the understanding that we are equal regardless of our country, color,
religion and gender, we can establish a new vision of the world in which we
can live altogether in a safe and secure way; a world in which people enjoy
their lives, and are ready to join us, become agents of change ... and then the
world can change.”

Zahira Kamal
Former Minister of Women’s Affairs
Palestine
Home for Humanity Jerusalem

Scene in Jerusalem; drawn by the author
The coming of white settlers in the southern part of Africa had varied impacts on indigenous people, which would have long-term effects on livelihoods. The quest for economic fortunes destabilized indigenous people and their ways of living as hunter-gathers and peasant farmers. The need to make a living in the emerging economies required able bodied men to leave the comfort of their cultures with inherent leadership to seek for jobs in emerging industries. Life became synonymous with getting a job.

In 1952, my father, like many young able-bodied men at the time, moved from his home in rural Northern Rhodesia to work in the coalmines of Southern Rhodesia. When Northern Rhodesia gained independence in 1964 and became known as Zambia my family moved back but did not return to the rural village. Without a job and a stable income, my father sought family accommodation in one of the squatter settlements in peri-urban Lusaka, the capital city of Zambia. We used water from dug-out wells and pit latrines as we had no running water. I recall that every once in a while, small children would fall into these latrines. Without electricity, we used wood for cooking and rudimentary home-made lanterns for lighting. Life was hard and every member of the family contributed to earning an income. With financial support from a close relative, my father started a furniture business. Though I was quite young, I helped produce handicrafts that my mother sold as a street hawker. I also helped my mother sell vegetables and foodstuff at a market stall.

This background made me realise that people movements especially to secure livelihoods affected their concept of home. Over time, the cultural expectation of home and belonging was distorted by various factors that hinged on the need to find employment and therefore secure a living.

Restoring this sense of home will entail a paradigm shift from expecting an ‘external force’ who provides a job to locally constructed, regenerative and inclusive ways of securing livelihoods in environmentally sustainable ways. The work I am doing now is to enable social transformation from that perspective.

Irene Banda Mutalima
Founder, TUCUZA
Zambia

TUCUZA aims to create entrepreneurial value along with transformative outcomes among low-income populations of Zambia.
Shown here: one of the farming communities
Engage with Structural and Intergenerational Justice

"I invite you to craft your own transformation calendar."

Your transformation calendar for the year 2022.
24 words, twice a month - an inspiration to love.
With friends, colleagues & family!

02.01.2022: REGENERATION
22.01.2022: SPACE
02.02.2022: SPRINGBOARD
22.02.2022: SELF-CARE
02.03.2022: CO-CREATION
22.03.2022: EXPLORING
02.04.2022: AHA-MOMENT
22.04.2022: TALENT
02.05.2022: CONNECTION
22.05.2022: LOVE
02.06.2022: CALIBRATION
22.06.2022: JUSTICE
02.07.2022: STRENGTH
22.07.2022: COHERENCE
02.08.2022: SMILE
22.08.2022: SECRET
02.09.2022: CHOICE
22.09.2022: PASSION
02.10.2022: JOURNEY
22.10.2022: STAR
02.11.2022: YOU
22.11.2022: DREAM
02.12.2022: TIME
22.12.2022: DOING

"Three months after our ‘outlook 2022’ we witness Putin’s military offensive in the Ukraine. I offer my geography students a space to contextualize the conflicts and injustices. Five topics from 24 keywords for the year are a start.

Time: We recall academic debates on post-socialist change recognizing a blending of socialist and neoliberal elements bearing multiple changes and continuities embedded in everyday practices.

Justice: We look at concepts of societal justice with the further consideration of future generations at its heart.

Space & Connection: We integrate different scales and how structures affecting individuals, families, communities, national and international scales are mutually constituted and contested. We consider translocality- families being separated, how places and people are connected (or become dis-connected) from flow of goods, money, information.

You (and me): I refer to my own biography as the so-called ‘third generation GDR’ (childhood in the GDR and grown up after the reunification of Germany in 1991) having experienced the changes which have been particularly radical for our (grand-)parents generations. But it was them joining thousands of people for the peaceful Monday demonstrations against the government of the German Democratic Republic between 1989 to 1991 that paved the way for the end of the socialist GDR regime, followed by the German reunification.”

Susan Thieme
Critical Sustainability Unit
& Media Lab
University of Bern
Switzerland-Germany
“How do we transform and create new systems? Community for me is a pillar. I have been seeking to implement this vision of a community here in Terra Mirim in Bahia, Brazil, where we live as an ecovillage community for over 30 years. A community that has leaders responsible for all the different nuclei/territorial spaces.

It is a community with a new form of management, collective to its roots, a kind of mandala, composed of nuclei, never just one person in charge but many territorial managers. Each nucleus is responsible for the houses and surrounding areas, in these areas, each nucleus shares projects, for example: planting food, planting medicinal herbs, composting, bee keeping etc. Each nucleus has a responsible person reporting to the nucleus constituted as a Sovereign Council - co-responsible for the whole territory. There is, for example, a financial officer who directs the flow of collective investments based on the reports and demands presented to and in the Council. I see this activity of delegation as indispensable too, of welcoming, of bidding farewell. We are training leaders. I feel that the more leaders, the more healers we have, the better because then no one is left waiting for one or two to take care.

This vision includes planting. We need to plant, to cultivate powerful plants because for me they are the medicine of the future. The plants, the herbs, all of this is a vision of the future. Planting to eat. Also water: having good water, having our water, preserving our sources of water, not spoiling the water... Technologies need to be developed with elements available in the territory, dealing with local needs.

People should come out of their castles, out of their navels; they should be able to see the world from other perspectives without so much competition.

The communities of the future can not have competition. They must be built on real collaboration.”

XamAM Alba Maria Nunes Santos
Founder, Terra Mirim Foundation & Ecovillage
Brazil
Earth Mentor of Home for Humanity
“Start with myself
Work on myself: Consciously develop roots in both the spiritual and the material world. Keep reminding myself that one can never live meaningfully without the other, just as sunshine breaks on every object and casts shadows.

Work in my social environment: real and true love and empathy in dealing with people. This does not always mean harmony, but very often the opposite, it often means acting against my own wishes and nature. This, coming back to the question of how to nurture the paradigm shift towards a regenerative, inclusive, just and joyful Earth Civilization, seems to be a major task. It sounds simple and yet is the hardest one I can imagine.

Work in the world: Nature and man only seem to be living together. As a human being, I have the task of understanding the togetherness and bringing it into balance.

Work on the structures: work on the form which is to be strived for and constantly adapted anew, in which everything, everywhere and always can develop and unfold healthily and freely.”

Konstanze & Helmy Abouleish
Founding Family, Sekem, Integral Enterprise and Ecovillage Egypt
Home for Humanity Egypt

The (daily) morning circle of the people from the “greening the desert” project at the Bahareya Oasis in the Egyptian western desert
“Today, we are all living in uncertainty, with the COVID-19 pandemic, drastic climate change, extreme polarization of caste, class and religion, and intense individualism that creates toxic effects of injustice to the most marginalized people.

For us at CORO India and Savitri Mahila Mandal Federation, working to create society based on equality and justice is at the core of our constitutional framework. The most successful approach is to empower marginalized people, to build grassroots leadership. The journey of empowerment starts from the self to the family, from the family to the community and from the community to society at large. Each of our own homes, in our low-income urban settlements, is the venue for this transformation journey. Not only have our sisters grown from victims to community leaders, as I, Mumtaz did, but many of our brothers have become our allies. I, Rahul, joined CORO to fight violence against women in my own community as a volunteer when I was just 18. Together, our movement has changed seemingly unchangeable systemic barriers in our politics and culture - from winning elections and reshaping policies, to marrying each other across religious and caste divides, as we did. Our power within ourselves and with each other is key for systems transformation.

We envisage a society that upholds human values with dignity. To deepen this vision we all need to respect humanity, conserve the value of fraternity in every home on this Earth. We are proud to be part of the Home for Humanity family, as Home for Humanity has initiated efforts towards these very same values.”

Rahul Gaware
Programme Manager, CORO
India

Mumtaz Shaikh
CORO and Savitri Women’s Federation
India

Joint Hosts of Home for Humanity Mumbai

Grassroots women leaders from our community enact their transformative testimonies in a Theatre of Transformation performance at Tata Institute for Social Sciences, Mumbai
The concept of ‘home for humanity’ has probably never been as relevant and crucial as it is today. In the environment where individualism overpowers the collective, demonic aspirations overpower compassion, acquisition and invasion overpower freedom, and hatred overpowers love - the deliberations and actions of humanity, compassion, and empathy at every level, in every circle and in every form are vital.

At CORO, the grassroots work of three decades has shown us how reclaiming power and engaging in collaborative knowledge creation can lead to systems change, from the grassroots level all the way to political decision making.

As ‘powerless’ women in low-income urban settlements rediscovered their ‘power within’ this almost seamlessly enabled them to mobilise ‘power with’ each other, to bring about transformative changes in their near environment, transcending the divides of caste, religion and community that cause so much strife in India. Women suffering from violence perpetrated on them became community leaders in the process of combating violence perpetrated on other women. Men, the perpetrators of the violence also needed to be empowered. Through dialogue, they became partners in transformation.

Through the innovative Quest Fellowship, women, regardless of formal schooling, researched and developed policy proposals which they presented to decision makers, and often got adopted. They formed the Women’s Federation, an alternative to our divisive political party democracies, where they embody non-competitive, empathetic service leadership ensuring ‘no home is left behind’ in the low-income communities.

These Grassroots women leaders are truly changing the paradigm in every way, and turning the old patriarchal system on its head!”

Sujata Khandekar
Co-Founder, CORO
India
Home for Humanity Mumbai

"Women suffering from violence perpetrated on them became community leaders in the process of combating violence perpetrated on other women."
“Around 300 years ago, Immanuel Kant wrote: ‘We are unavoidably living together. When human beings with different wishes and interests gather together mutual communication is inevitable. Thus their cultures and customs become interrelated in a way that makes disconnection impossible.’ So according to the theories of Aristotle and Plato the world should be a Utopia. Humanity should be able to live with global security and justice. Respect and dignity should be ensured. The world for humanity, which is not different from, nor has any advantage over, other creatures before God, with piety, should be free from violence, tyranny, supremacism, gender superiority, and oppression due to colour, race or religion. The criterion of respect for human beings is just their inherent humanity. Unfortunately, making an ideal society free from violence remains a wish rather than a reality. The distances between people are growing. Humanity is faced with biological, moral, social, gender-based and political violations. She is deprived of her primary right, to live in a peaceful environment.

Take my own life situation as an example. Because of the silence of the world, I, a Supreme Court Judge, who for many years has had to fight for the institutionalisation of women’s rights, of human rights and the rule of law and justice, which after all are the basis for safe and peaceful lives, have found myself deprived of my rights! I have become a target of gender-based violence. With threats to my life and my family’s lives, through the return to Taliban rule in Afghanistan in August 2021, I have had to give up my social and family interests and affiliations. With my disabled mother, in the darkness of night through the foothills of the Hindu Kush in a world of fear and panic, I left my homeland and fled from my country.

Here far from my home, I hear news of recent events in the world. I think about all the ideological, political and military aggression in Syria, Iraq, Palestine and Somalia. I think about the pathetic treatment of religious minorities in Myanmar and the Uighurs in China, as well as the violence in Afghanistan and Ukraine. All of this makes me deeply disappointed. In despair, I think of a world in which only force has the upper hand. Therefore, according to Gandhi, to achieve a world free of violence we should first learn to change ourselves.

To achieve an ideal society according to Plato and Aristotle the world must be humanised and we must respect humanity. We must respect human rights. We must say NO to the most hated and shameful phenomenon in the world: violence against women and violence against humanity. This will pave the path towards development and our goal of universal peace, making the world a real Home for Humanity.”

Homa Alizoy
Supreme Court Judge, responsible for Prevention of Violence against Women and Girls
Afghanistan

Author with disabled mother awaiting asylum in Greece
"I live in a country in which the power of nature, art, science, and culture is oftentimes neglected by the community. Therefore, I believe from the bottom of my soul that our planet demands us to strive for bottom-up approaches for the transformation of our world into an inclusive and joyful one.

We, the change makers of this world should put our efforts together into finding community-based resolutions for the conflicts and for creating change in a world entrenched with inequality, injustices, and humanitarian crisis.

Recent years proved to me one important thing: the starting point of transformative collective leadership lies within the communities; we are not supposed to look for it elsewhere!

After several months of working with refugees, I came to know that I should look for the possible ways for their empowerment only by putting them at the center of each decision, which is going to be made by humanitarian workers.

Also, reshaping our community’s future is impossible if we, the people of the Earth, are not sharing our truthful love with the Earth and with each other.

Love should be present in different aspects of our lives, and our work, if we look for a regenerative future. And we should confirm the fact that vulnerable populations have sufficient power within them to make small, but effective changes on the planet.

Ghazal Andalib  
Human Rights Advocate  
Iran  
Home for Humanity Team Member
“There is so much in the world to see and do and explore and assist and fix that it is often overwhelming. Remembering to stay present and take one small step at a time, in any direction, is a victory in and of itself. This is my hope for myself and for others - making the changes in myself and in the world can be done with care, deliberation, and above all, peace and love. Like the notes of a guitar.

This is extremely relevant to those of us trying to end injustice and human right violations, which can be exhausting. As a lawyer, I am proud to work with an innovative global family of human rights defenders built over 22 years by an international NGO, International Bridges of Justice (IBJ). Our organisation is deeply committed to crafting innovative bottom-up/top-down spaces, where top-down justice system change can develop and bottom-up collaboration with local human rights defenders and partner organisations can flourish in more than 40 countries around the world. By going beyond the either-or, 85 governments embrace IBJ’s justice model, while 30,000 legal advocates bravely provide legal on the ground, and over 38 million have been reached. Yet, despite the enormous pressures of our work, our streamlined organisation, founded by Rev. Karen Tse, is grounded in a culture of spirituality, where we strive to practice presence while working!

This, I believe will make all the difference between just righting wrongs and actually changing the system to prevent them from occurring.”

Christina Martin
Human Rights Advocate
International Bridges of Justice, Geneva
USA
Home for Humanity Team Member
We live in times of unprecedented changes and growing uncertainties, which calls for a new kind of alchemy that is able to repurpose the dynamics of polarisation into a greater unification. This is the alchemy of the higher heart, which has always guided humanity through the darkest of times and is once more awakening through the very conditions that can also drive us apart. The world that is collapsing was never made to last, nor designed to thrive. This dying world is not our planet and it is not our home. The dying world is the world of greed, arrogance, and disunity that has to end or else it will end us. The seeds of the civilizations that form part of the emerging new paradigm exist already within you. For some these seeds have awakened and are sprouting, perhaps even blossoming by providing direction, passion, and creativity for a regenerative, inclusive, just, and joyful Earth civilization. For others those seeds are still in a state of dormancy. Support these seeds to awaken, sprout and blossom—within you and around you—for this will be the most effective way to transform what fuelled our divisions.

The unifying power of the higher heart can be called up at any time, whenever we do so it shows us how to heal the wasteland of the aborted higher dreams and our rejected love. See into the world from the new possibilities that are calling us together now. Become the transformation by ending the politics of division in your own life, and by making your life a home place for humanity.

The call for transformation is not just happening as a call for us to awaken to what we need to stop and change. It is also happening as a call from our future, to experience and explore orders of reality that we might never have fully embraced before. This future era, a new paradigm in consciousness, is reaching into us as a vector of love. Guiding us into the birth canal of change, by becoming the transformation through which our world and consciousness are reborn and can heal. Empower yourself with the creative agency that becomes possible through the awakening potentials of this new emerging era, and listen to the wisdom of your higher heart for it knows the ways of the birth canal that is calling us now.

Anneloes Smitsman
Founder, EarthWise Center
Netherlands - Mauritius
"By examining my own personal historical context, and looking at my current cultural and social context, I found that thinking local and acting global was one of the most effective ways to transform my inner world and my collective world into a 'home for humanity'.

Home for Humanity encourages a growing awareness and consciousness of our interconnectedness across continents, countries, and communities and into nature which means that at our core there is both a local and global dimension to who we are. Through my company GreenSkills and Computer Aid International and in pursuit of responding to the burning challenges we are facing in South Africa and the rest of Africa we use technology to skill and uplift women and children and transform society and communities through the conscious use of technology.

In addition, Home for Humanity provides a regenerative platform to embrace an emerging world community committed to helping nurture and build shared values. By practically implementing and living these shared values, Home for Humanity continuously creates a more diverse, inclusive, and equitable community.

By opening our eyes and raising our consciousness, we instinctively feel a connection with others worldwide. We can act on our vision by creating adequate tools, resources, and support structures together. I wholeheartedly believe that change starts to happen when we see the world as a whole and find more sustainable ways of connecting with those who share our common humanity."

Premie Naicker
Founder, GreenSkills Consulting
Originator, Integral African Feminine Leadership
South Africa
PhD Fellow with Trans4m Home for Humanity

The Sankofa Bird (Ghana)
Symbol for the author’s PhD Thesis
A World that’s a True Home for Humanity Celebrates the Indivisible Family of Life

Starting with ourselves and our own homes, we aspire to transform our communities, our organizations, our societies and our divided world into a united home for the Earth family.
The world is a womb to our humanity. It is the natural environment that nurtures our being, feeds our souls, and sets us to thrive. And we are given birth to at every instance we appreciate life. And these are many.

I appreciate the memory of my mother, teaching me what it means to break bread with others and bond at kitchen tables.

I appreciate the gift of mothering beautiful children, some of which have become mothers themselves.

I appreciate being inside the classroom, humbled at being able to learn. I appreciate my transformative journey as an educational leader, and the participatory spirit that enabled me to lean on others and be there for them to lean on me.

I appreciate being chosen to take part in a political arena, where the obligation to enable justice and better human lives is both an opportunity and privilege.

I appreciate public service, where I am empowered to immerse in power with all to hopefully shape the humane face of an enlightened future.

But mostly, I do appreciate the we in all of these cherished gifts, as I do sunlight, soil, rain, and my grandchildren. These are reminders of the worth, beauty, and meaning of life in its togetherness, entirety, as one whole us.

Accordingly, we are blessed with the obligation of nurturing humanity in the world.

We are blessed with the opportunity to share wisdom, enlighten and be enlightened, and eventually hand this all to future generations that will take it beyond, where our skies today are no longer their limit.”

Haifa Najjar
Minister of Culture of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
Initiator of Tanweer "Enlightenment" Movement for Educational Renewal
Former Superintendent of Ahliyyah Mutran Schools. Amman Jordan
Mentor to Home for Humanity

Calligraphy of Tanweer
("Enlightenment" in Arabic)
"During the last two years we are witnessing several processes with the aim to take the Earth as our traditional home away from humanity. The present civilization pushes forward not just the environmental destruction, but also explosion of cybernetic networks, occupation of human bodies by the pharmaceutical industry, destruction of democratic standards etc.

To be able to recreate the home for humanity upon the Earth we need to go beyond intellectual discussions and open our intuition and our hearts to the new multidimensional body of our home planet that Gaia, the Earth goddess and all-embracing consciousness has prepared for the future millennia of her evolution.

We need to develop perception of the invisible worlds of Gaia and elemental beings abiding and working there. We need to open channels of communication with the second part of humanity that lives in the realms of soul, the so-called ancestors and descendants.

We urgently need to start collaborating with the cosmic cycles to bring the planetary economy into order. We need to open our hearts and minds for each other.

A Gaia Culture is emerging from the interconnection of our co-created networks and communities that respect the beauty and the truth of life and the presence of all beings, visible and invisible, that constitute the planetary family."

Marko Pogačnik
Founder of LifeNet Movement
Initiator, Gaia Culture
UNESCO Peace Artist
Slovenia
Laureate, 1st Earth Artistry Award of Home for Humanity

Cosmogramm by Marko Pogačnik
“Peace in the world and among people for a real Home for Humanity begins within ourselves, in our hearts and souls. The collective or Global Consciousness is made up of each of us - billions of individual consciousnesses. And only when we change, the Global Consciousness changes. Only when we have love and peace within us, they come to the world. Now we are living in the time of turning - according to the four cyclic calendars the Galactic Conjunction, and we are right now in the turning point!

Let’s use this special momentum of change and awakening, to unite across all races and religions.

Let us manifest, the vision of love, peace and justice on earth and the rising of the old new global consciousness, so that all people awaken in the all-one-ness... as we are one...

Selamat-Ya...You are me and I am you!

Now, indigenous elders are coming out to share their wisdom and guide us into the future. One Ancient Futures, guided by indigenous wisdom councils, is a global alliance of conservationists, academics, sacred advocates, and legal, cultural, and conservation organizations engaged in protecting and activating sacred sites around the world, which are being destroyed or harmed and their spiritual guardians killed. This is vital for our shared future.”

Rico Paganini
EVOL Forum
One Ancient Future
Switzerland
Cohere Around a Higher Dream

"Yes, we can create a brilliant future where we ALL can burn bright."

“One day, our world will reach a brilliant new beginning. A global reset will take place. Our new point of departure will be what unites us.

It is from this joint of individual and collective realization that we will cohere around a Higher Dream. The dream of a world where all are free to thrive and realize their full potential.

All conflicts will be resolved through remembrance of who we really are and what unites us. Through transformational processes, we came to realize just how much the great divide cost us. And so, we outlawed othering and belonging became our everyday code of conduct.

Now, we are stronger than ever and become stronger the more we honor one another. In fact, it was the practice of deeply seeing and speaking that transformed us. And it began with a global seeing and speaking to the brilliance of Mama Africa. Together we honored each land and each people.

We deeply saw and spoke into new ways of being and doing and then lived into them. We engaged in rituals that honor the brilliance in each and nurtured the individual dream that contributes to the collective dream.

The Great Shift came from a deeper knowing and an even deeper witnessing of the brilliance that exists within us all and the acknowledgement that every spark is essential. The collective dream is the higher dream that unites us all, a world where each individual is able to bring forth their unique gifts and share it with the world in the way only they can and as a result our world is enriched and shines.

World Dream Day (September 25) was founded in 2012 as a global day of empowerment dedicated to setting dreams in motion. Its purpose is to honour the dreamer, visionary and innovator in all of us; to inspire, activate and celebrate the power of ideas, goals and dreams.”

Ozioma Egwuonwu
Founder, WorldDreamDay and Burn Bright
USA/Nigeria
Home for Humanity Partner Organisation
Attract More People to Bring the Vision Down to Earth

"The vision needs some land and the land needs some people to follow their heart."

“A strong, visionary leader is ready to sacrifice his/her life to address burning issues of his/her place and people. He/She calls for a group of people to support who also sacrifice their lives to devote to the same vision. Everyone does what needs to be done and offers their gifts to the community. The universal powers will support this initiative if it is done from the heart and with full devotion. Just don’t stop. Keep on going. Complexity will rise and you will grow. The leader must create structures and rules and attract more people to bring the vision down to earth. Masculine power is needed. Never mind the imperfection. Where there is a lot of light, there is a lot of shadow. Always strive to keep the balance of ecologic, cultural, economic and societal life. Work together spiritually and nurture the connection to the vision.

Don’t give up. The miracles come.

Create containers for the vision to land and make the vision clear to everyone. Be entrepreneurial. Command and control. Let go and trust. Find different ways to motivate different people with different values. Work on yourself. Every shadow contains a gift. Take responsibility. Have fun and don’t confuse yourself with the being behind the vision.

Evolution has its own way. Love is the answer. The feminine will rise."

Maximilian Abouleish-Boes
Chief Sustainability Officer
SEKEM, Integral Enterprise & Ecovillage
Egypt
Home for Humanity Egypt
PhD Fellow with Trans4m Home for Humanity
Be A Visioneer for the Renewal of Civilization

"We must bridge the divide! To co-create a new world we need bridge builders forging new connections!"

"As an artist, I believe creativity has the power to actively participate in the renewal of civilization.

Storytelling is arguably one of the oldest forms of remembering and creating connection. Weaving humankind together through the ages, the stories we tell define our relationships to each other, to the land, and to the cosmos.

Right now we need a new story; a new mythos; a creative renaissance that can help us remember and redefine who we are and bridge the silos that threaten to destroy us.

For the past four years, I have been the coordinator of an online platform for change-makers called The Visioneers International Network.

The mission of the Visioneers is to bring together like-minded people from around the globe who are engaged in social good-work projects, humanitarian work, and environmental and peace activism, to celebrate and showcase outstanding human achievement.

Through my work with the Visioneers, I see a new story emerging; it is emerging through each and every one of us.

I believe the more we come together as instruments of transformation, the more we can help shape this new story and lead humanity back into connection with each other; and a new inspired vision for the future."

Tatiana Speed
Transformative Musician & Social Activist
Coordinator, Visioneers International Network
Canada
Home for Humanity Team, Earth Artist
"Open your home, effectively, really, to people from other cultures and countries. Receive them at your home and share meals with them.

Mobilize your energy and networks to call for free movement of people around the globe as a precondition for a better world. The constraints put on this basic freedom and human right affects only some countries and people, while the most powerful and rich do not have any problem in travelling freely across the world. This looks utopic in view of the present state of the international relations, but it is a principle that should be fought for and repeated again and again, mainly by the civil societies of the developed world.

On another hand, in order to nurture a paradigm shift, developing co-creative multicultural artistic and social events and concepts, where people from different creeds and beliefs share unique experiences, such as ‘Home for Humanity’ and ‘Come To My Home’, is an absolute necessity. The simple idea of ‘Come to My Home’ festivals spread to many cities and homes, where people from different cultural and socio-economic milieux meet and create as one. Even during COVID, we created!

On a private level, I have received throughout the years, since my early age, hundreds of people from my country and from abroad who shared meals, days, weeks sometime. That is one aspect. Another one is to practice art with people from other cultures and backgrounds.”

Driss Alaoui Mdaghri
Founder, Come to My Home Movement
Former Minister of Culture and Economics
Poet and Visual Artist
Morocco
Home for Humanity Morocco
"Can I see beyond the roles, skin colours, cultures, and social status? Beyond all the differences on the outside? Can I see the spirit in others? Do I think I am Icelandic or a member of the global family? This thinking changes my perspective. How we see each other connects to how we relate. It is about having a spiritual outlook. And that takes a lot of practice. To transform our divided world into a ‘home for humanity’, we need to practice this spiritual outlook every day.

We need to practice love and respect for ourselves and all fellow human beings. When we are able to see beyond the externals we will learn how to love and respect even those we have disagreements with and overcome our feelings of resistance. Magic will happen. Nature also needs our love and respect. Everything begins on the inside and then manifests on the outside. It is about transforming our consciousness because the external world mirrors what happens inside us.

The Spirit of Humanity Forum offers a global platform for leaders and change-makers seeking to contribute towards a lasting transformation in the world in which core human values such as love, respect, solidarity and compassion become integrated in our decision-making and relational processes, enabling systemic change in organisations, communities and nations. The Forum is hosted and partnered by Reykjavik, which emphasises peace and human rights in its policies. Regular participants are the Prime Minister and senior leaders of Iceland, the country ranked the most peaceful in the world. A sign that, increasingly, governments and leaders of progressive cities and countries are partnering with civil society to embrace value-based conscious leadership, and ‘be’ the change.”

Jóhanna Vilhjálmsdóttir
Director, Spirit of Humanity Forum
Iceland
Partner Organisation of Home for Humanity
"Faced with the implacable logic of authoritarianism and war, how does humanity take the path to constitute itself as people of the earth - Earth Citizens? Through the simple act of dialogue in open Agoras under trees, we can participate in shifting the paradigm and changing the system!

In the local and global networks of 'Dialogues en Humanité’ in heartfelt partnership with Home for Humanity, we affirm the importance of opening spaces for dialogue to foster Earth citizenship and ‘buen vivir’.

Whether in Lyon, in Salvador de Bahia, Montreal, Dakar or Cotonou, in Bangalore or Rabat, or the Himalayas, everyone can meet under the trees to host their own Dialogues in Humanity! Our movement is spreading! So how do we awaken and expand our power to act and our civic strength? How do we create solidarity without leaving anyone behind? Can the interconnected human intelligences and the combined wisdoms of the world allow us to grow in humanity? By learning to take care of ourselves, our companions in humanity, and our other companions in life, we will finally be ready to become homo sapiens-sapiens.

The Dialogues in Humanity offer a framework that allows everyone to dialogue on an equal footing, to listen with good will, to discover, reflect and learn from each other, and to invent a better way of living together within families, neighborhoods and society. Above all, youth take the lead in designing, organising and running the Dialogues in Humanity to shape our collective future as Earth Citizens.”

Geneviève Ancel
Co-Founder, Dialogues en Humanité
France
Partner Organisation of Home for Humanity
The peacock - one bird with beautiful colour which it proudly spreads out. So as one Earth spread throughout the world we look amazing, working proudly together with the spirit of oneness – The Spirit of Ubuntu!

“The most effective way to transform our divided world into a ‘Home for Humanity’ and nurture the paradigm shift towards a regenerative, inclusive just and joyful earth civilisation is to appreciate that all people are equal and have a right to live and enjoy the fullness of life irrespective of the different backgrounds, cultures, and locations. It is important to respect the dignity of each individual person, community and society while appreciating and embracing diversity for the benefit of all humanity by avoiding discrimination in terms of gender, race, age, colour, ethnicity, etc and seeing the earth as a big home with different members of one family who deserve respect and recognition of their different talents, gifts, and potentials.

This realisation of equality, diversity and potential must promote intentional learning and development. This will result in the growth of the entire ecosystem for the benefit of current and future generations thereby co-creating and regenerating towards an inclusive, just, and joyful one big home and a civilised earth – OUR HOME FOR HUMANITY!

As co-founders of the Integral Kumusha (Kumusha meaning ‘home’ in Shona) we have created a regenerative homestead, inspiring and supporting many other homesteads in our Buhera province, and in the entire country of Zimbabwe, where we have been recognised as a national role model. Our vision now is to see integral homesteads and new Homes for Humanity spreading across the world, serving to build a regenerative world - driven by the spirit of oneness and togetherness - the spirit of Ubuntu - the spirit of ‘I am because you are!’"
"The one who tells the story rules the world. But in our case we do not want to rule, nor do we want to be ruled. We, the humans of the future, want to live and tell a much different kind of story of what it is today, that shall be instead ‘Our Common(s)’ Story’.

To transform our divided world and to nurture a paradigm shift towards a regenerative, inclusive, just and joyful Earth civilization, one should start with an open heart and with fortitude.

We shall maintain a strength of mind and spirit to face adversity, grief and pain with courage. We shall shift our mindsets from famine and emptiness into abundance and fulfillment. We imagine to co-exist in harmony and peace. We believe there is enough food, air, water and fire for all of us.

To pioneer the paradigm shift we want to see in the world we shall start with reflection and then join the civil disobedience movement that has been carried by our ancestors for centuries, into the future. This is an eternal resistance to any colonial/oppressive/extractivist systems formation. We need to firmly stand against every single act of uncivility that is the very ‘(un)commoning’ of our lives. We shall raise a united voice for a Humanity in Unity in the co-creation of a new Earth Civilization.

The paradigm motto for re-storytellers like ourselves shall therefore be:

‘We do not produce stories for capital or profit, but we tell radically meaningful and transformative stories for a more inclusive world civilization, from us the common people to the common future of all.’”

Eda Elif Tibet
Co-Founder, KarmaMotion Films
Researcher, University of Bern
Anthropologist, Global Environment Network
Turkey & Switzerland

Cihan Elci
Biologist, University of Bern
Filmmaker, KarmaMotion
Kurdistan

Joint hosts of Home for Humanity Bern
Joint Filmmakers of Home for Humanity Film

Poster for Home for Humanity Film, designed by Eda Elif Tibet
Call upon All Changemakers in the World!

"With a childlike curiosity and yet the inner maturity, to jointly vouch for true response-ability."

I often marvel at the miracles of the mundane.  
A rainbow in a water fountain,  
The wind invisibly moving treetops,  
Sun-infused fruits nurturing our bellies.

Nature is inherently designed to work,  
In the cyclic fashion of degeneration and regeneration  
Everything is abundantly provided.

We once knew how to live in sync with the seasons.

Around the world we have found such diverse ways  
To do the things that all humans do  
Is it not a wonder itself,  
that there are so many ways to do life?

What a beauty to be exchanged,  
What a richness to learn about.

Turmoil and destruction are excesses  
Of a system that ceases to work in our best interest.  
It is high time to pioneer paradigm change.

A new kind of wisdom and innovation  
Shall be passed on to the next generations;  
Embodied guideposts for a transformed future.

Utopian visions are not new  
They may, indeed, be as old as evil itself.  
Our chances to act however,  
United as one Earth Family,  
They are unprecedented.

We are calling upon all change makers in the world  
To come together and co-create systems,  
Which allow humanity to be truly humane.

So that if we take a glance around us,  
what do we see?

That we are a WE,  
Caring for our shared Earth Home as a Family  
Through establishing True Unity in Diversity

Paulina Frederike Jantos  
MA Student,  
Education for Sustainable Development  
Germany  
Home for Humanity Team Member

"A Journey of Ascension" painted by the author
"Let's stop the war and the conflicts in the world. Let's stop thinking only about ourselves. Let's stop listening to presidents who make war among themselves and force us to follow them like sheep."

Olia (7 years old)

"We have to start over from zero and redo everything. And everything must be reorganized!"

Ninon (10 years old)

"I would say, we must help each other and cooperate between us, we must help people in need and we must participate."

Aron (12 years old)

"Let's stop the war and the conflicts in the world. Let's stop thinking only about ourselves. Let's stop listening to presidents who make war among themselves and force us to follow them like sheep."

Ambre (12 years old)

"For a better world, we should respect each other, take care of each other, dialogue and open our hearts and be in connection with Nature, because too many people like foreigners, disabled people and many other people are often discriminated. And we don't respect nature enough."

Lili (14 years old)

"I would like presidents to take their responsibilities more seriously. I want racism to stop because everyone is the same in essence. And if this wasn't true, we wouldn't be here. War serves no purpose."

Kiara (14 years old)

"I would say, we must help each other and cooperate between us, we must help people in need and we must participate."

Margot with brother Peyo (12 years old, 1 year old)

"Let's stop fossil fuels for a better future. Let's stop money from dividing people. Let's stop looking at others' houses and be content with what we have. We are all brothers and sisters."

"According to me, to transform our divided world into a united one, people must forget their prejudices and cliches and seek to truly know their fellow humans, because they are all our brothers and sisters. We must appreciate our fellow beings for their true value, and not limit ourselves to their outward appearance. People must be benevolent and helpful to each other. This in my opinion would already be an enormous step and would help our world to unite."

Lili (14 years old)
EPILOGUE
Let Us Harvest Collective Intelligence
to Craft Our Common Story

Choose the Indigenous Path to See the Future
Educate through Community Engagement
Share the Quest for (R)Evolution
Co-Create a Gaia Culture
Awaken in the All-One-Ness
Reimagine Education through Regenerative Campi
Work Equally on Self, Society, Structures and World
Stop Colonialism and Adopt a Single Standard
Awaken to the Magic and Generosity of Mother Earth
Shift the Paradigm from Jobs to Livelihoods
Build Communities on Real Collaboration

End All Violence Against Women and Humanity
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palm power

a lifetime and more
is inscribed in your palm
and so in mine

what do you think happens
when our palms meet for a high five
when we shake hands, hold hands
walk through life, hand in hand

lifetimes upon lifetimes
meet in the nests formed by our joined palms
scripting a whole new story, multi-handedly

the time of the single-handed story is over
let us build palm nests across the earth
each held, each holding
preparing new lifetimes, as one

... and if we then showed all our palms at once
to the greatest fortune teller of all times
what story would reveal itself?

palm to palm is the future
we are holding in our hands!

isn’t it time for high fives
over and over again?

"The breakdown of many of our systems and societies is a clarion call to all of us for breakthrough – towards an inclusive and regenerative Earth Civilisation. For this to take place, we need to break open, from within – surrendering, actively and passionately, to the mystery and magic of life. Open-hearted and open-handed, we can find the jewel embedded in the name our species carries: hUmaNITY – within and among ourselves, and together with all forms of life.

Together, and only together, we can ‘co-create home on Earth’. This is the vision of the Home for Humanity Earth Family."

Alexander Schieffer
Co-Founder, Home for Humanity & Trans4m Academy for Integral Transformation
Professor, Da Vinci South Africa & University of St. Gallen, Switzerland
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Today, in the face of brutality, we both behold with profound gratification, the unstoppable rise of humanity in unity, not just amongst the 88 co-creators of this book, and many other ‘Earth family’ members not included in this volume, but well beyond. Countless people of all cultures, colours, creeds and ages across our beloved home planet, are pioneering pathways to our future: witnessing reality through the eyes of the other, awakening new possibilities by fulfilling their purpose and creative human potential, envisioning change within themselves, their cultures, and in our world, and enacting transformation for the wellbeing of all life on earth, hand in hand with others.

Despite our anguish about Ukraine, our shame at the inequitable responses of our governments to suffering worldwide, our frustration at global institutions’ incapable of preventing imminent human and planetary extinction, what Alexander and I feel above all today is not just hope but trust. Trust, that we are on an unstoppable journey of self and planetary transformation. Trust that we are moving, as humanity in unity, to pioneer new pathways to transform history into OUR story, co-scripted and co-enacted by all of us, including YOU!

Rama Mani
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School children, Jericho refugee camp, Palestine

This world we envision... is no Utopia or fairyland.
We feel it, we touch it, we smell it... We WANT it as our children’s birthright!
We are here to co-create OURtopia - Home on Earth for all life - and nothing can stop us!
“Friends, you have arrived at the last page. The next pathway is yours to author!
Let us awaken our deep imagination together now to call this regenerative future into manifestation. Call up the power of your deepest longing! Let it sweep you beyond the collapsing world around us, to the possible future. Look, feel, smell, hear and sense the Earth Civilization that has emerged from our collective co-authoring.

Breathe deeply the fresh, tangy air that is oh, so invigorating and life-giving!
Smell the flowers bursting into bloom, see the glorious butterflies pollinating the pastures, and hear the incessant buzz of bees as they vivify the interconnected fabric of life.
Walk through the forests vibrating with life and oxygenating our home planet in silence.

Swim in the oceans, the rivers, the streams, the lakes, all crystal clear and teeming with fish of magnificent beauty. Rejoice knowing that people and animals everywhere have abundant clean water, while all our fields grow nutritious, organic food to meet everyone’s needs.

Delight in the happiness of all children on our home planet playing freely as they grow up with the assurance that they are fully supported to fulfil their highest purpose and potential as Earth citizens.

Witness how our schools and universities have been transformed into life-based life-long learning ecologies. Through sensory-rich integral education, we have all become social artists and innovators. We tap our future human capacities with heightened consciousness and creativity as architects of a world that works for all.

Celebrate how all our societies have rediscovered our innate human gift of creativity. Art, the vibrant fibre of our societies, is practised by everyone, to heal humanity and renew our cultures. Storytellers preserve ancient myths and cultural traditions, and craft new ones.

Take comfort in our economies grounded in love, care and respect for all life, generating shared abundance. Participate in ingenious, inclusive governance systems from local to global, developed from the collective wisdom of our diverse cultures, whose institutions enshrine the well-being of all, and honour the sacredness and unity of Life.

Ah, become a Home for Humanity, as you see them springing up across all continents, as integral leaders and emerging changemakers transform their own homes, communities and organisations into cradles to co-birth and nurture a regenerative future.

Rise as humanity in unity, sourced by a contagious commitment to co-create an inclusive, peaceful, just and, oh, so joyful Earth Civilization for the family of life!
Friends, join the Earth Agora! Co-author the Earth Story! Manifest our optimal future!”
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Pioneering Pathways is not just a book. It is an invitation to co-author Our Common Story, and a catalyst to accelerate humanity’s manifold efforts to transform our destructive present into a regenerative future, in response to our planetary crisis.

Pioneering Pathways emerged from a series of Earth Agoras, conceived and convened by Home for Humanity, online and onsite, since 2020.

Earth Agoras are open creative forums where concerned Earth Citizens connect, home-to-home, everywhere on our home planet, across cultures, borders, backgrounds and generations, to ignite and harvest our individual and collective wisdom, artistry, ideas and initiatives, to quicken the co-creation of a regenerative, just and peaceful Earth Civilization.

If you feel touched by Pioneering Pathways, you might host an Earth Agora in your home, community or organization, and invite each participant to voice her or his proposed pathway, and add a page to the unfolding Earth Book of Our Common Story for our future.

See more at: www.homeforhumanity.earth/pioneering-pathways

If you would like to share your reflections, become a Home for Humanity, nurture your integral leadership journey, or join our growing community of changemakers to “co-create home on Earth”, please write to us at: welcome@HomeforHumanity.Earth

As Co-Chairs and Co-Founders of Home for Humanity, we thank you for travelling with us.

As a closing inspiration, we highlight few pioneering planetary initiatives for our future. Many are initiated or supported by our collaborators in and beyond this book, whose dedication we admire and whose partnership in this journey we value.

Social Artistry Community
Humanity Rising
Dialogues in Humanity
Spirit of Humanity Forum
Choosing Earth / Earth Voice
World Dream Day
World Academy of Art and Science
World Future Council
Visioneers International Network
Evolutionary Leaders
International Bridges of Justice
One Ancient Future
Shakti Leadership
WIN Women International Networking
WeWorld Network

Exemplary HOMES FOR HUMANITY worldwide:
Sinal do Vale, Brazil
SEKEM, Egypt
Integral Kumusha, Zimbabwe
Sarvodaya, Sri Lanka
Pax Herbarbs, Nigeria
Women’s Coalition, Palestine
Come to My Home, Morocco
Az Theatre & Oxyymoron Film, UK
Terra Meera, Croatia
CORO Grassroots Women’s Federation, India
Karma Motion Garden, Switzerland
Integral Home Campus, France

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How to transform our divided world into an inclusive home for all life on Earth?
In Pioneering Pathways 88 changemakers aged 7 to 91 from 43 countries respond.

"This is OUR story, with each page, each chapter, co-authored by all of us, people everywhere who yearn to believe that there is a new world coming, and they are a part of it. Join the Earth Agora!"
- Foreword and Epilogue by Jean Houston, USA, Co-Founder, Human Potential Movement

"Each compelling contribution is a building block towards a common vision of a human community that no longer suffers from the apartheid of abundance, the scourge of otherness, and the wounds of painful pasts."
- Foreword by Youssef Mahmoud, former Head of UN Peace Operations in Central Africa

"Pioneering Pathways by Home for Humanity is a wake up call for the silent majority among us that can play an effective role in redefining priorities."
- Endorsement by Donato Kiniger-Passigli, Vice President, World Academy of Art & Science

VOICES FROM THE BOOK

"We have to start from zero and redo everything. Everything must be reorganized!" - Olia, Age 7, France

"Ukraine affects us all because of Ubuntu: I am because you are." - Pops Mohamed, iconic Jazz musician, S. Africa

"The world must be humanized. Because of the world’s silence, I, a senior Supreme Court Judge, was deprived of my rights, targeted by Taliban, and fled my homeland with my elderly disabled mother." - Homa Alizoy, Afghan Judge

"The obligation to enable justice and better human lives is both an opportunity and a privilege, in the political arena."
- Haifa Najjar, Minister of Culture, Jordan

"The inherent abundance and resilience of Nature offers us creative solutions to our current problems."
- Thais Corral, Founder, SINAL do Vale Regenerative Campus, Brazil