

Welcome to TransformationCentral.org!!!

At TransformationCentral.org, we are centered in transformation. This is a space for all dreamers who are working on economic, social, and environmental changes. The present moment is full of examples of creative transformation: in many different ways, people are healing themselves and coming together to create a more just, free, and sustainable world. Our goal at Transformation Central is to bring together and share the stories of the people and groups who are finding new ways to synthesize ideas, resources, and diversity to enhance our lives. These stories show that people have the power to bring about the changes that they deserve in their lives.

We invite and welcome your participation in TransformationCentral.org. Send us stories of your own personal healing and transformation, or of your work with others to transform your workplaces and communities. Inspire, and be inspired by these testaments to our creativity and diversity.

Growing the Solidarity Economy

The solidarity economy is a new way of naming and conceptualizing the many types of transformative economic values, practices, and institutions that exist in the U.S. and all over the world. These include egalitarian and participatory economic behavior by individuals, workers, and producers, such as by an individual who is an ethical consumer, worker, and/or investor, or by a worker-coop, fair trade business, progressive union, or

high-road corporation. The solidarity economy is also the process of uniting these various forms of transformative economics in networks of solidarity.

We at TransformationCentral.org are working with the Solidarity Economy Work Group for USSF2007 to create a Solidarity Economy Network in the U.S. Visit us to read about the workshops our group is sponsoring, about Solidarity Economy organizing in other countries, and about post-U.S. Social Forum solidarity economy developments in the U.S. We invite you to send us stories about your participation in the solidarity economy, and to contribute to our open blog.



Transformative Music

Music has played a key role in movements for progressive social change, from the labor movement to the Civil Rights and anti-war movements, to the feminist and hip-hop movements. We showcase this rich diversity of transformative music, and we invite you to send us songs which you think convey a transformative message, both your own and those of others.



Feminist Transformation

Feminist Transformation strives to liberate half of the human race -- women -- from subordination to men, and seeks to liberate women from the many other forms of oppression which we suffer from, from racism and classism to homophobia and nationalism. Feminist Transformation frees men as well as women from unhealthy and oppressive gender straightjackets, and is in the process of rethinking and transforming all economic and social values, practices, and institutions so as to free them from gender, race, class, and other forms of hierarchical polarization.

Feminist Transformation is alive and well today, in the form of seven distinct but interconnected transformative processes:

- Questioning /Envisioning
- Equal Rights and Opportunity for Women
- Valuing-the-Devalued Feminine
- Integrating Masculine & Feminine
- Feminist Discernment and Restitution
- Combining across Women's Differences
- Diversifying/Unifying/Globalizing

Each of these processes has both a personal healing and organized movement aspect. We describe and document these 7 processes on TransformationCentral.org, and invite you to contribute your stories of personal and organized feminist transformation to our blog.



Immigration:

Building Global Citizenship

TransformationCentral.org honors and supports the brave immigrants who have come to the United States, today and since the colonization of this country.

For most of us immigrants, the desire to move and to leave behind our birthplaces was unimaginable until we were confronted with economic or political injustice. US foreign policy has often been to blame for our dislocation because it serves corporate interests, protecting oppressive dictators and corrupting, imprisoning, or eliminating the true leaders of our peoples. If the US government stood for true democracy here and abroad, the desire to leave our birthplaces would have been minimal. We invite you to send us stories about why you and your families came to this country.

We at TransformationCentral.org support global citizenship. When capital can move freely across borders in search of the lowest wages or most lax environmental laws, leaving unemployment and devastation in its wake, we the worlds' peoples should also be able to move in order to survive and thrive. Instead, we are denied our rights, hunted down, and deported. We invite you to share your stories of organizing to defend your rights and make this country live up to its ideals of democracy, freedom and equality.

Good Economic News: Stories of Heroes and Heroines that Resonate with All of Us

Our mission is to bring you stories that are relevant to our time. Stories which have been overlooked by mainstream media. Stories about changes that are hard for us to see because our minds have been conditioned to be closed, and our bodies are numbed. We can not feel, and we can not see what is happening to us. Yet all around us, people are coming alive and creating new, healthy economic values, practices, and institutions. This is the news that we want to bring to you.

Good Economic News is stories about entrepreneurs who are transforming businesses from singularly profit-motivated, competitive and alienated enterprises which cultivate greed and fear to a new form of enterprise based on caring for all actors of the economy. Good Economic News is stories about people who are freeing themselves from the addiction of consumerism and finding well-being by coming alive to themselves, defining their own values, and finding ways to live them in everyday economic lives.

The role of Good Economic News is to transcribe the actions of the heroes and heroines who dare to care, to love and to experience what it means to talk the talk and to walk the walk. We invite you to participate in this journey by sending us comments on our stories, as well as stories of your own.



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