

Collective Wisdom

How the whole becomes more than the sum of the parts



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*“The insanity of human destructiveness may be matched by an older grace & intelligence that is fastening us together in ways we have never before seen or imagined.” Paul Hawken, *Blessed Unrest**

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Challenge:

Our experience of living and working in groups can often be one of arriving with energy and enthusiasm, only to leave tired, uninspired and having witnessed the group sink to its lowest common denominator, both in decisions taken and behaviour displayed. We often choose not to express our unique perspective, preferring to belong to the ‘groupthink’. Ultimately, this can lead to manifestations like The Third Reich. We have a lot of experience of collective stupidity, but will we be able to shift to collective wisdom?

Solution:

We need to reinstate meaningful conversations at every level of society. We need to learn how to creatively express our individual diversity and potential, without attachment to being right, contributing our piece to the jigsaw puzzle of life. We start listening for new connections and win-win-win outcomes instead of holding onto knowledge we already have.

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