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Visioneers Newsletter



A Planetary Emergency is Taking Place in the Global Commons!

The Visioneers Waging Peace Initiative

A Plan of Action in Three Parts:

Melting glaciers are releasing their precious store of fresh water spilling into the salt sea, raising sea levels and heating the air above it, causing extreme heat to flow over the Earth, wild fires are now burning worldwide. Even though glacier melt is seasonal, increasing in summer and rebuilding in the cold months of winter, the

2025 maximum glacial rebuild is at the lowest maximum ever in known history.

We are losing cryosphere, the frozen world of snow, sea ice, and permafrost that regulates the climate and helps sea levels remain stable and below dangerous and unacceptable rates.

Breaking News: On August 26, 2026 in the Himalayan Mountains of Northern Nepal, native Nepalese and tourists from worldwide destinations were making sacred pilgrimages, glacier melt caused a huge chunk of ice to fall to Earth with tremendous force causing a massive flash flood to sweep through the land killing more than a thousand people with thousands still missing.

Our scientists are telling us that **we may be getting a glimpse of the future**

**the climate and even the land and sea levels are changing and
who would dare to say to the thousands of people who have lost everything
through the consequences of warming in fire or flood or extreme weather
that this is not a global emergency?**

Why is this emergency not front page news everywhere?

Or the first story on every mainstream media and social media channel?

It is time to focus on root causes, prevention and solutions rather than on picking up the pieces after the fact.

A Message from Gerri

As I write to you about planning for an upshift in the Visioneers project and it's sponsoring organization, The International Foundation of Learning,

my country is burning!

On TV we see frightening images of firewalls racing down mountains destroying whole villages in Canada, the USA and Europe as a consequence of global warming and at the same time extreme weather brings floods from hurricane like rains pouring down in torrents flooding homes and businesses.

Melting glaciers are spilling fresh drinkable water into the surrounding salt sea, causing sea levels to rise and heat the air above it, creating unrelenting heat rise with temperatures of 40+ degrees Celsius and over 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

Did you know that...

Our blue planet is 70% water, 97% of which is salt water. Of the remaining 3%, the fresh surface water we drink residing in accessible lakes, rivers and glaciers is only 1%, 79% of which is in the Arctic polar glaciers, ice sheets and permafrost our planet's refrigerator.



Did you know that...

the Earth's recycled water is finite...

We drink the same water the dinosaurs drank, and our descendants will drink what we leave.

Fresh water required for the sustenance of life of all living things, including humans, will become the scarcest resource on Earth. This is a problem for everyone of every age, in every country in the world.

History tells us we will be fighting for it.

We do know that our planet is built in systems and everything is connected in one exquisite miraculous whole. Yet our global communication systems, the mainstream media and even the social media are not informing us of the serious risks we face.

We are living at a time of the greatest emergency humanity has ever faced that reaches every cranny and corner of our planet.

**We have been forewarned.
Silence is no longer an option.**

Last night as I watched floodwaters pour down the streets of Toronto, Canada's largest city, I wondered what form a rescue might take, I awoke in the morning with images of Noah building his ark and understood that he too was forewarned and was building a boat. Perhaps we also need a metaphoric boat or fleet of boats or something else

because we too are forewarned.

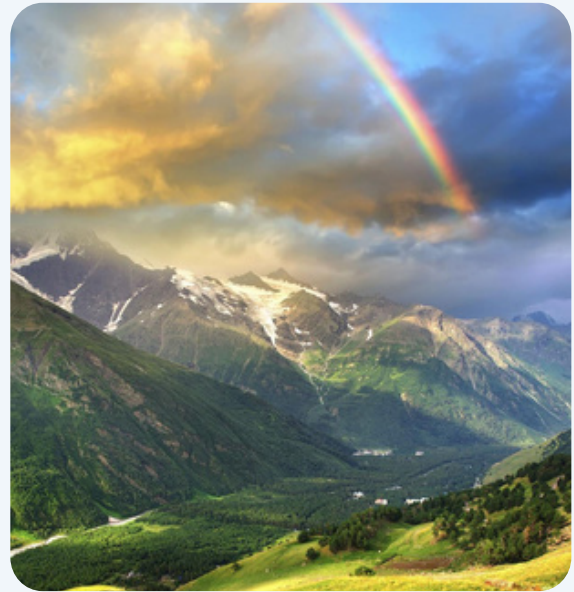
One thing is clear

A value system based on growth and wealth accumulation regardless of the effect on Earth systems that support all life may be telling us

to continue the process until it is too late

unless we act to change direction.

This issue is a project for generations and affects every single person on the planet, so even if we personally can't finish, those of us alive today need to begin. At least we do know that there will be rainbows at the end even if we cannot personally finish the job.



Champions of an Evolved Humanity

Just as we recently discovered the Earth was not the centre of the universe, but a minor planet in a minor galaxy in a two trillion galaxy cosmos, **our reality is profoundly and forever changed.**

Therefore we must design a different kind of solution to fit the new knowledge.

If we are to survive and thrive we will need to reinvent, recreate and lead our communities, our neighbourhoods and our countries to make choices that are decent, rational, emotionally mature, especially wise and often outside the margins of what we now know.

We need a new central ethos based on service to others

We will need an overarching process that includes many voices not yet properly heard and a new kind of response that is likely not yet known. One that we must create together.

“Looking after the Earth, the air, the water, ourselves, each other and ensuring that all living creatures are respected is the prime underlying requirements of peace everywhere.”

– Humanity's Golden Peace



OURSELVES



EACH OTHER



THE EARTH



THE WATER



THE AIR



ALL LIVING CREATURES

The Visioneers propose an urgent call to action in three vital steps:

The Mingling of Voices

Step One



Gathering the teams to do something truly exceptional that leads to results we can measure in mitigating the danger

We begin by gathering exceptional leaders, peak performers already modelling an evolved human perspective combining the wisdom and ideas of new voices from many sources to create a powerful approach that targets and measures the results we achieve.

And we need action within limited time frames.

We do not have to begin at the beginning we need to invite those organizations and their leaders already working on this and surrounding issues and **we need scientists working at the edge of their disciplines** to ensure we have the innovations and solutions as they emerge.

Together we need to act boldly and with courage to find new solutions in times of uncertainty. We must be willing to listen to ancient wisdom sacred across the millennia. We need to understand the connections between all of us and especially we need to pay attention to those who have been living for a long time in the Arctic itself.

Creativity will be the key.

We will need to find solutions beyond the known, to consult those who are wise so we know what is worth doing and those with exceptional knowledge so we know how to do it. This will include:

- People from a wide constituency of every age
- Elders with life experience
- Indigenous leaders with long standing knowledge of their culture
- Scientists and specialists in the technologies of the future
- Economists who understand what is practical and even profitable
- People of every gender, race and nation.



We will need to Raise the Alarm Across the Planet!

Step Two

We will need media attention from broadcasters with the courage to tell our new stories about the importance of the Arctic to all the Earth systems now at risk. Attracting attention of the mainstream and social media to generate worldwide concern that leads to a constructive solutions process everywhere and
to a worldwide movement to prevent or mitigate the disasters before they happen
and so create an overarching process that reduces the rate of warming and the melting of glaciers in the arctic.

Enter the Misfits

Step Three

I might as well confess I have been a misfit all my life, as an elder now I can say that I didn't fit into my own generation or any of the ones after it. I was always thinking outside the box or pushing the margins of what could be done. I have had my share of successes and failures but along the journey much good was done.

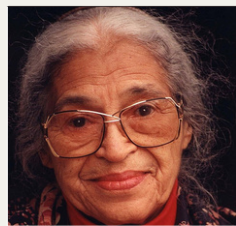
Are you a misfit too?

There have been many misfits in human history. Consider the contributions of Marie Curie who discovered radium, Gloria Steinem in raising women to equal status, Rosa Parks who sat in buses to protect human rights, Emilia Earhart who proved that women could fly planes over long distances and young people like Malala Yousafzai who stood up for women's rights to be educated even in the face of the Taliban and our Visioneer Heroes and Heroines of Humanity like Jane Goodall who forever changed how we understand the intelligence of animals and who preached a message of hope through her Roots and Shoots programs for young people, Jean Houston who taught us to consider the possible human who we might become, Ted Turner whose ideas in broadcasting changed television and whose enlightened philanthropy made his good work a reality.

Enter the Misfits who transformed how we view reality...



Gloria Steinem



Rosa Parks



Emelia Earhart



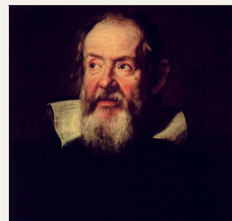
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Malala Yousafzai



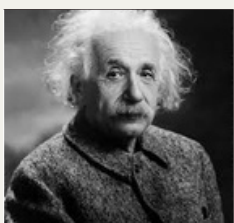
Nicolaus Copernicus



Galileo



Marie Currie



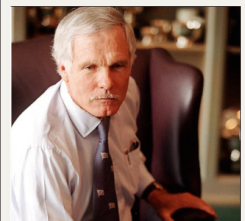
Albert Einstein



Jane Goodall



Jean Houston



Ted Turner

A Call to Action

The Trim Tab Factor

This is a personal call to act.

To people willing to share their talents and resources.

No contribution is too little...

No contribution is too much...

**We know that there are millions of us out there,
step forward.**

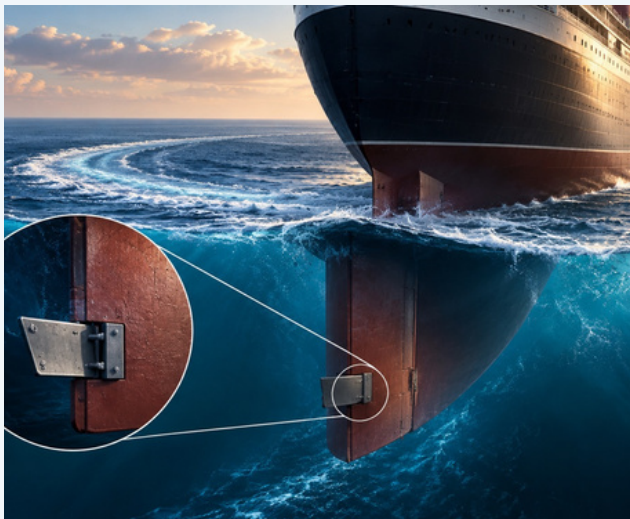
Tell us the stories of your good work so far, or what you see yourself doing.

Contribute your ideas, your talents and energy to do the focussed work we must do now.

Join us as we gather, focussed on reducing the glacier melt to save the fresh water in the Arctic.

Introduced by Buckminster Fuller, the Trim Tab Factor "The miniscule rudder on the larger rudder of a great ocean liner that turns the massive vessel in a new direction".

It demonstrates how small strategic steps can produce huge changes when intentionally created to change direction. It is used in common practice by business leaders of great worth to magnify the outcome they are seeking to achieve.



The Trim Tab Factor - a very small, precisely placed action can redirect something enormous.

Remember Desmond's call to act.

Here is the last verse of the poem by Desmond Berghofer published in Prayers for a Thousand Years, edited by Federico Mayor, Director General of UNESCO.

So At Last We Have Come To It

*Whether to fashion a value shift
among all cultures,
replacing sense of separation
with understanding of the all,
or lose our gains
against a higher hand.
At last we have come to it.*



This work belongs to all of us. The challenges before humanity are immense, but so too are our collective intelligence, creativity, wisdom and capacity to act. Especially when we act together.

The Visioneers invite individuals, organizations, leaders and communities around the world to become part of this growing movement toward an evolved humanity and a more peaceful, regenerative future.

Join the Visioneers. Become a Global Citizen. Explore the newsletters Pax Humana and our overarching vision for Global Peace in Our Time.

If you feel called to participate more deeply, we are now gathering the leadership team who will help carry this work forward. To learn more or become involved, please write to Geraldine Schwartz or Tatiana Speed.

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Join the Visioneers – www.thevisioneers.ca

The work is already underway. The misfits are at work creating outstanding projects. See our wall of stories: <https://thevisioneers.ca/sdgs>

Now is the time to imagine boldly, collaborate across our differences, and continue to create a positive, life enhancing the future for everyone.

A final message from Gerri

It is my greatest hope that you have chosen to take the time to read to this point and are now willing to act. As you can see this task is not one for the faint of heart. It invites your participation in the sure knowledge that those who are ready will step forward and ask themselves

What can I do?

**No act will be too little,
no act will be too much.**

Help us grow this global community by nominating the people, organizations, and initiatives in your own community who are already demonstrating what humanity is capable of at its best. Let's use our non local digital communication systems for good purpose.

Join our community. Nominate a person worthy of a lifetime achievement award or to become a Visioneer. Explore the Visioneers world.

- **WAGING PEACE** Discover the larger vision and Web of Good Work <https://thevisioneers.ca/the-waging-peace-project>
- **THE VIRTUAL EXPO** Explore Visioneer Award recipients through nine interactive corridors and view their profiles <https://thevisioneers.ca/virtual-expo>
- **BECOMING A GLOBAL CITIZEN** Explore the Global Citizenship course <https://thevisioneers.ca/the-waging-peace-project/introduction>
- **HEROES & HEROINES OF HUMANITY** Meet extraordinary people whose lives demonstrate what humanity can become <https://thevisioneers.ca/heroes-and-heroines-of-humanity-2>
- **VISIONARY LEADERS** Discover leaders shaping a more peaceful and evolved future <https://thevisioneers.ca/visionary-leaders-2>
- **THE UNITED NATIONS** Explore the Visioneers' relationship to the UN and global citizenship <https://thevisioneers.ca/sdgs>
- **CONNECT EVERYONE** Discover opportunities to connect across the Visioneers network www.thevisioneers.ca

With respect and love,

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In the end, it will not be what we talked about,
but what we did, how we acted,
Where we put our time and energy,
because everything we do
we model and mentor what we value. Our lives speak loudly.
– Geraldine Schwartz

Local Core Team



Paul Hsu



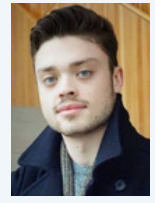
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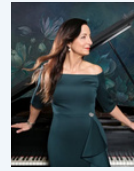
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In the early years, the IFL was hosted by the Vancouver Learning Centre, which was later joined by Creative Learning International and co-founders of the Visioneers Dr. Desmond Berghofer and Dr Geraldine Schwartz.

Over the years from 1983 to present time, the IFL hosted over 70 events that had important impacts in education, business and the community. These events were sponsored by community organizations in business, finance, education, government, and the public domain, who also believed in the need and possibility of transformational change.

