

Kindred efforts: toward a “network of networks”

There are a set of initiatives, institutions, and nascent networks emerging around the world that share a common set of principles: embracing the frame of emergence; prioritizing connection and relationships; connecting internal (personal), societal, and systems transformation; centering equity, contesting power and rejecting systems of domination and oppression; and co-creating powerful new alternative models (prefigurative world-building) for both *how* we work and *what* we do.

There is a need to support and nurture this growing ecosystem: to invest both in these individual emergent networks and in supporting our efforts to partner with and learn from each other. A rough typology of several networks/initiatives that I (Brian Stout) have identified as kindred spirits follows:

Kindred Networks/Initiatives	Geography	Primary Target Audience	Goal/focus
Building Belonging	U.S.-anchored, globally oriented	Bridgers: across identity. sector. issue. geography	Global systems transformation
Rooted Global Village	global	Activists/creatives working for deep transformation/healing	Global systems transformation
Fierce Vulnerability Network (project of East Point Peace Academy)	United States	Frontline organizers and movement leaders in climate justice	Racial healing/reparations and climate justice
WildSeed Society	United States	Frontline organizers and movement leaders	Spiritual grounding, leadership support for transformation
Resonance Network	United States, global application	Women/nonbinary people of color, feminist organizers	Gender justice and racial equity
Emergence Network	Global (non-U.S. based)	Broadly inclusive	Global systems transformation
Post Growth Institute	U.S.-anchored, globally oriented	Citizen activists, practitioners for post-capitalist futures	Global systems transformation
Wolf Willow Institute	Canada-based, globally oriented	Systems change leaders/influencers	Global systems transformation
Nonviolent Global Liberation Community	Global	Broadly inclusive	Global systems transformation
The Embodiment Institute	United States	Frontline organizers and movement leaders	Healthier more effective movement ecosystem
Grassroots to Global	Scotland anchored-globally oriented	Citizen activists, democratic changemakers	Global systems transformation
Thrive Network	United States	Social justice advocates	Community-building

Gesturing Towards Decolonial Futures	Canada, globally-oriented	Academics, artists, indigenous creatives	Global systems transformation
Kindred Organizations/ Intermediaries	Geography	Primary Target Audience	Goal/focus
Thousand Currents	Global (U.S. based)	Grassroots movements in the global South	Supporting international social justice movements
Emergent Strategy Ideation Institute	United States	Social justice movement leaders and organizers	Transforming how we strategize/organize
Ayni Institute	U.S.-based, globally oriented	Movement leaders and strategists	Supporting social justice movements
Open Collective	Global	Social entrepreneurs, citizen activists, change agents	Digital commons infrastructure for transformation
Pop Culture Collaborative	United States	Cultural strategists, communicators, organizers, and citizen activists	Shifting cultural narrative toward pluralism and belonging
Presencing Institute	Global (U.S. based)	Broadly inclusive	Global systems transformation
Kindred Initiatives on hiatus/sunsetted	Geography	Primary Target Audience	Goal/focus
The Rules	Global (non-U.S. based)	Cultural strategists, communicators, organizers, and citizen activists	Global systems transformation
(Re)Humans	Global	Leaders/influencers who embrace emergence	Global systems transformation
Northstar Network	United States	Social justice movement leaders and organizers	Building progressive power (electoral and beyond)
Community Weavers Guild	Europe	Network weavers, connectors	Different ways of being in relationship, working
Boundless Roots	Europe	Systems change practitioners	Climate crisis