Three new ‘Planet Local Voices’

Planet Local Voices – our regular podcast and video series – features full-length interviews with localization leaders. In our newest episodes, you can hear from indigenous knowledge systems researcher Rutendo Ngara, activist and eco-philosopher Rupert Read, and the Gaia foundation’s Liz Hosken.

Rutendo Ngara

Transdisciplinary researcher Rutendo Ngara blends different ways of knowing and perceiving. She utilizes African concepts like Ubuntu and Sankofa as lenses through which to examine and critique western notions of progress, efficiency, time, and economics. With forays into the worlds of engineering, biomedicine and academia, she communicates a big-picture perspective on modernity, and raises questions about our collective past and future.

Rupert Read

Highly respected activist and eco-philosopher Rupert Read explores the possibilities for renewal and reconnection latent within the ecological, social and spiritual catastrophes of industrial modernity. He suggests we can, through the localization movement, simultaneously humble ourselves enough to address our civilizational predicament, while healing ourselves and nature. He calls us to take action at the level of human-scale groups and institutions to bring about the local future “our hearts know is possible”.

Liz Hosken

Founding Co-Director of the Gaia Foundation, Liz Hosken, offers reflections on the need for deep reconnection with the web of life. To move beyond hubris, reductionism and control, Liz suggests we need to decolonize our minds, remember humility, and re-embed ourselves in place, to become ‘healing cells in the body of Gaia’. She offers practices like traditional seed saving as practical ways of re-indigenizing and re-localizing our cultures.