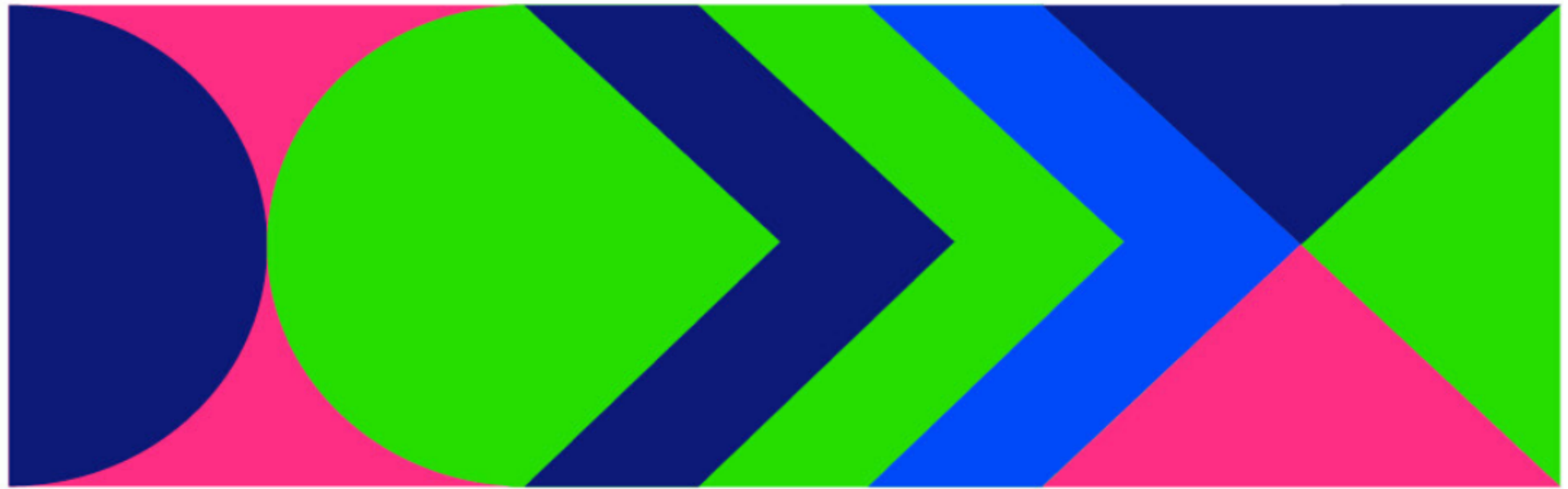




Moreland Democracy Lab

Graphic Recording & Chat Summary



Forum 1
>> 15 June

**New
'Normal'**

Forum 2
>> 22 June

**Collective
Action**

Forum 3
>> 29 June

**Radical
Change**

THE WORLD IS TEMPORARILY CLOSED...

TRACEY EVANS
FIRST PEOPLES ASSEMBLY
THE VOICE OF OUR PEOPLE MUST BE HEARD.



TARYN D'Costa
NEIGHBOURS UNITED for CLIMATE ACTION



ROHINI SHARMA
LOCAL PERFORMING ARTS PROJECTS
CAN YOU HEAR ME???



TATE DEKLERK
YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ALL STUDY IS ONLINE...

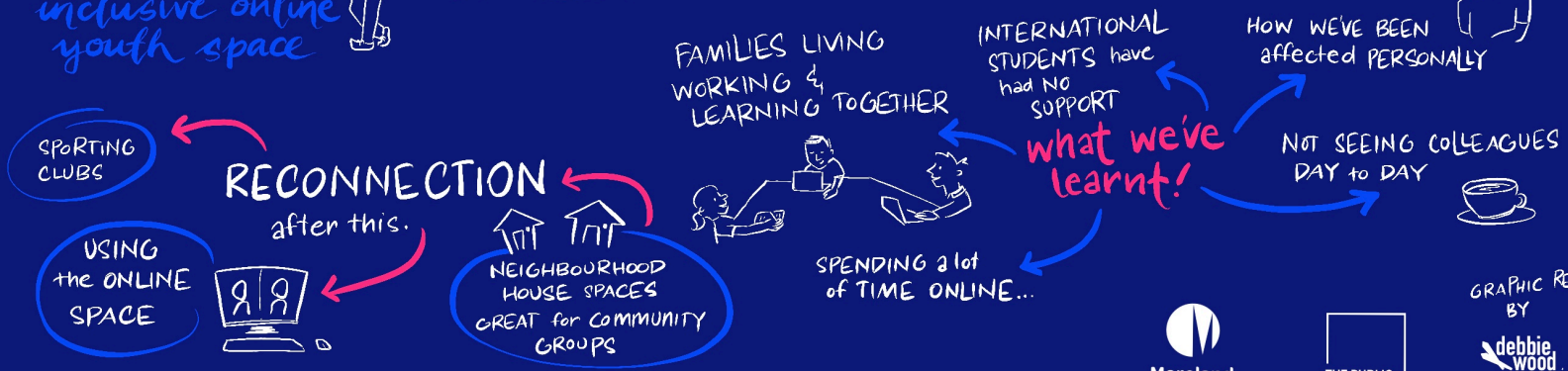
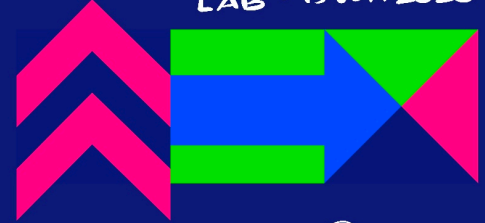


we can make CHANGES.

NEW 'NORMAL'

normal never was...

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New Normal



Chat Summary

- Great insight Tate, we look forward to your ongoing involvement in giving voice and agency for Moreland's young people.
- Love the backyard gig / small space idea - concerned that too much online leaves us lonely and craving some form of connection in person
- <https://www.parlourgigs.com/> one of the groups supporting backyard gigs
- <https://www.thepatternmakers.com.au/covid19> this is interesting for people thinking about how people will feel comfortable returning to any gathering
- So many awesome ideas!
- How to voice our ideas to local council?
- Seniors could be having a hard time. No work, no U3A etc gatherings, having to stay inside more due to their age.
- Our Freeza youth music committee are doing amazing stuff on-line, such as Amped Up TV and Icicles Studios on FB and insta - young people engaging local artists and performers in innovative ways, developing content and curating live events, Q &A's and e-zines and so much more...
- Yes- it's about the relationship
- Projects in progress which is being auspiced by our local Neighbourhood House - allowing us to apply for grants
- Could the council run workshops on using zoom, video chats etc perhaps at the libraries. I am fairly experienced but each time I'm on a call I learn something new.
- I think some of the neighbourhood houses are doing workshops like that at the moment.
- I suggest that the council look at home visits to seniors and those who might be housebound to teach them how to use online social technology.
- That point about international students came up in our group as well!
- Please follow us on Facebook to get updates about our Community Climate Action Series - <https://www.facebook.com/communityclimateaction/>
- Zoom book group. could libraries do this in the new normal for those who have difficulty in getting out?
- We talked about isolation experienced by older people or people living alone and because of social distancing. We also talked about the importance of having the right mind set and having a go. This is also an opportunity to each other out e.g. Sporting club members helping members of the U3A.

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Welcome!

TO THE BEGINNING OF A CONVERSATION



THIS TIME HAS CHANGED MY PROCESSES & SYSTEMS

RUCHEE BANSAL

HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE



FORMING their own NETWORK!

270 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN NEED
FACING DEPRESSION
NO INCOME, NO SUPPORT?

HELPING EACH OTHER

THEY NEED JOBS



AILEEN TRAYNOR

MORELAND RECONCILIATION NETWORK

SPHERES OF INFLUENCE

SUPPORTING NETWORK MEMBERS TO TAKE ACTION

THERE ARE ROLES FOR EVERYONE

TALK to EACH OTHER!

THROUGH action THE COLLECTIVE BECOMES REAL



RICHARD BARBER & SIEW FANG LAW

CHANGE REQUIRES ALL OF US.



PAY THE RENT!

YOU MUST NETWORK!

IT'S EASIER FOR THE EDUCATED TO DRIVE CHANGE...

PEACE PSYCHOLOGY
WHY WOULD PEOPLE fight?

environmental
cultural
political
system



BEING COMFORTABLE in the DISCOMFORT
DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS



embrace conflict

collective ACTION

SOCIAL ISOLATION

FOOD RELIEF

IT SUPPORT

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Helpo, Fawkner!

3 YR PROGRAM with MERRI HEALTH

SOCIAL COHESION

KATHRYN KELLY

THIS TIME HAS MEANT MORE 1 on 1

FAWKNER = SMALLER COMMUNITY

SUPPORTING OTHERS WHILE WE MIGHT ALSO NEED SUPPORT

UNLEARNING

THIS HAS BEEN GREAT!



THIS CANT HAPPEN IN A VACUUM

INFORMATION SHARING...

DIVERSE perspectives



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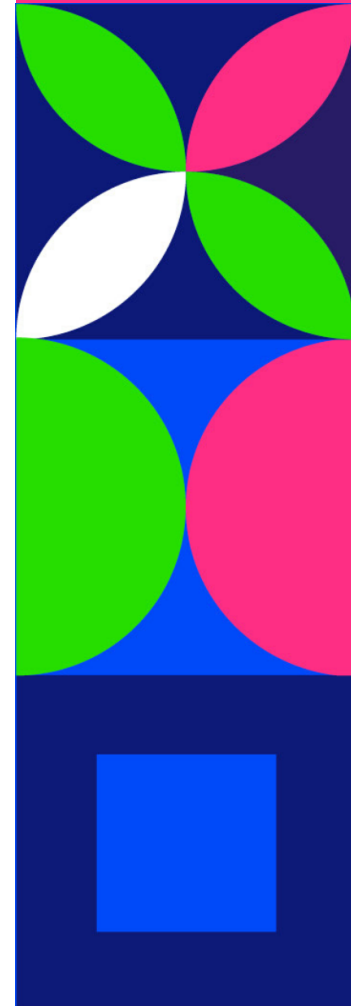
Collective Action



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- YES relationships are key! Authenticity - not what you say what you do!
- Thanks Richard and Siew Fang- what fabulous work you are both involved in :) I agree the arts is a very powerful vehicle for change particularly with regard to developing a critical consciousness of the issues you are tackling :)
- Love that silver lining to COVID-19 Kathryn, adapting and getting creative!
- www.merrihealth.org.au/hello-fawkner
- That's wonderful work Ruchee. We have found the Thai student cohort facing similar pressures and community support has been crucial. The diaspora community has been providing meals and the Buddhist temple has been an important support. But the scope of your organising with the Nepali community is very powerful.
- Would also love to hear Siew Fang speak a little more about engaging in difficult/uncomfortable conversations and why that's important in collective action and being good allies. Applies to so many contexts.
- Yes, the importance of knowing ourselves! Who defines best practice...
- Fawkner is like a tight knit country town - that's great that our suburbs can do this! Localisation is an important movement.
- I was lucky enough to be in a chat room with someone who works in my area of interest but whom I haven't met yet. I will be taking away her email address so we can meet up in the future. Great opportunity.
- I really appreciated hearing the comments and examples of how important it is that people play different roles to creating change, especially in times of crisis. Also, the critical role that communities play in supporting each other.
- 'Peace is a process'
- I have enjoyed hearing how much energy has been put into local initiatives to respond to the crises emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Spend time unlearning things we learn to navigate our organisation or world. Reflect and understand your own biases first.
- I envy Fawkner people your closeness. My street in Brunswick is friendly but there is no greater sense of community that I am aware of. Maybe the council could work on this?
- The impact of fear as a barrier to community connection and action and the importance of using our shared experience (we've all been through this) to come together towards collective action.
- It was a great opportunity of listening to the speakers about their experiences and learning. Supporting each other at the time of crises is important

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Radical! CHANGE

We all have SOME POWER...use it!

Welcome!

imagine...



FIND curiosity IN OURSELVES!

» EYAL CHIPKIEWICZ

mindset = fast!
changing norms...



IT'S BETTER TO RUN FORWARD THAN FIGHT BACK!

» JOSEPH NORSTER

WE'VE MADE SMALL INCREMENTAL CHANGES OVER TIME ...

WE are COMFORTABLE WITH WHAT WE KNOW

WE MUST AIM FOR RADICAL CHANGE!

» CHRISTIAN ASTOURIAN

THE MOST IMPORTANT thing IS PEOPLE

How are LEADERS appointed?



» DR JEN RAE

HOW IS WHAT WE NEED RIGHT NOW

IT'S GREAT THAT WE CAN MUSTER THE WILL TO STAY CONNECTED

not all CHANGE needs to be

EVERYBODY MUST HAVE a VOICE

OUR LEADERS NEED TO CATCH UP!

BE COMFORTABLE with UNCERTAINTY

LEARN to HAVE DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS

UK ENGINEER

AUSSIE DESIGNER

RESTAURANTEUR

BOITTE

accept AND UNDERSTAND change

Small changes CAN make a DIFFERENCE!

CARETAKER'S MANIFESTO

meet
confer
consult
design
imitate
leave
repeat...

police

political system

evolving society

role play!

experiment!

act with heart not fear

ROADMAP

play in the DARK

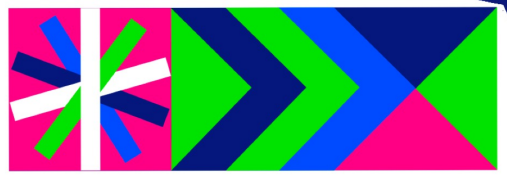
every disaster is different...

We sometimes come from a place of PRIVILEGE

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Radical Change

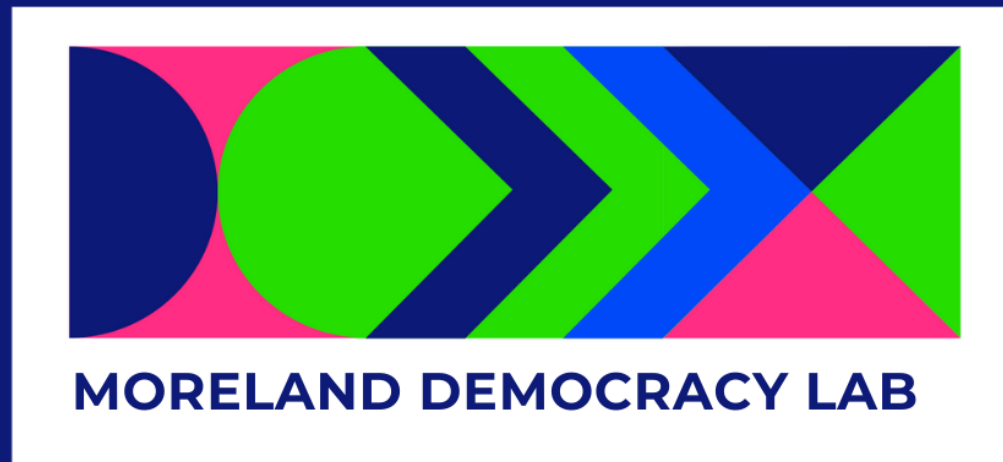


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- Yay for Siteworks! Great place and way of operating :)
- Great point, Christian - aiming for radical change to get any change, Thanks
- I think Christian is spot on with his comments about power and those who have it. I think we need to tackle the way the politicians create fear to make us unwilling to embrace change.
- Snap to all your points Christian! The importance of people, the power we have, and the important of being united - looking at what connects us. And that we lose power as a people when we're divided. Thanks for those reminders!
- Christian reminds me to remember to continue to come along to see people such as you all and stay abreast of the ideas that are emerging, i.e. that is fundamental, radical change is happening all the time.
- Christian articulates so well the tension between those that want change and those that want the status quo , the asymmetry of power only exists while we play by the rules set for us, not by us, play by new rules
- Eyal, how can we practice curiosity as individuals and organisations when we feel 'slammed' by major events and a sense of overwhelm?
- Thanks for all your Community work Jen and Sally, You both are doing Incredible work around Fawkner and other Suburbs, keep up the great work!
- Jen, I think about your beautiful reminder to act with love, not fear. And that perhaps if more and more of us remember to act from this place, it will spread...
- I love 'run forward rather than fighting back'. That's more a way to get somewhere. And BUILD RELATIONSHIPS
- Well said Judy Brunswick Neighbourhood house is definitely doing a great work by providing free Computer, English and Step to Employment online classes for Community members during the time of hardship at the comfort of their home
- thanks everyone. good reminder to question assumptions and power
- Be curious, what power will you give up and focus on things we have in common
- So many takeaways...the value of curiosity...acting with love rather than fear....the importance of people and to remember the power we have....united.
- We have so many resources and strength to make our own decisions. Let's stay chatting!
- Radical change can be gradual. Can refuse to work with companies that are not carbon neutral

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We started the conversation – now let's build a collective for community-led action!

We are inviting you to be part of a FREE 7-week program of **online workshops and networking sessions** which are designed to support community-led ideas and build connections in Moreland for civic participation.

The Lab will run ONLINE from 6.30pm – 8pm Tuesday nights from 4 August to 15 September.

To apply, simply email democracylab@publicvaluestudio.com and tell us a little about yourself and why you are interested in the program – or just give us a call on 0423 533 144. It's that easy!!

We especially encourage people who are new to community-led work – if you're not sure this is for you, just call, we're happy to chat!

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THANK YOU!