DANDELION FELLOWSHIP

Co-develoment of Nature Proxies for Nature On The Board

"...imagine a future where the principles by which the world operates are golden rules: first do no harm, care for all life, seek joy..."

Dear Dandelion, by Jojo Mehta in remembrance of Polly Higgins (1968-2019)



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The Voice and the Way of Nature

Under the Nature Governance pathway, Earth Law Center (ELC) advances ecocentric principles in law and earth-based governance around the world.

Nature on the Board (NOTB) is a groundbreaking initiative at the crossroad between legal consciousness, corporate governance and Rights of Nature.

NOTB reimagines the practice of environmental, social and corporate governance by holding a space for the Voice, the Vote, and the Way of Nature to take part in organisational decisional, governance and leadership culture.

Nature Proxies - Seeds of Change

Nature Proxies are stewards of Nature Governance and guardians of Nature interests by representing the voice of Nature in the boardroom.

Like dandelions, proxies are seeds of change and transformation, learning to be the voice and cultivate the ways of Nature for the restoration of harmony and balance in our world.

The Dandelion Fellowship Initiative

- The Dandelion Fellowship kickstarts the co-learning journey of 100 Nature Proxies to serve on boards of corporate companies and organisations by COP28.
- The Dandelion Fellowship is a co-development programme based on collaborative, cooperative and collective intelligence, for the growth and evolution of Nature Proxies, and supports the intake of four cohorts of 25 Fellows over four years.
- The Dandelion Fellows will co-create the substantive curriculum content and resources of Nature Proxies (including, knowledge, wisdom, toolbox and practice).
- The Dandelion Fellowship contributes to the emergence of a community of practice in Nature Governance; co-trained and certified to partner with companies to promote, foster and facilitate the voice, vote and way of Nature within their organisations.

Funding the Fellowship

Be the Wind Beneath the Wings of Nature Proxies

The Dandelion Fellowship programme is a creative, imaginative, innovative and ambitious project. It has never before been attempted on such a complex global scale. However, a VUCA world facing eco-polycrises requires an agile, daring and courageous response.

This four-year piloting programme requires an **investment of 5 million USD over four years**, with an immediate financial need for 1.25 million USD.

Your donations and sponsorship will bring life to the Dandelion Fellowship and cultivate the seeds of change that will be shared at COP28.

This investment is essential to create, nurture and sustain

- The Fellowship development team
- The Fellows on their journey (stipend, expenses)
- The co-learning and co-training consultancy support network
- The Nature Agora, i.e. community of experts, practice and meshworking alliance
- The virtual learning and Nature Proxy community ecosystem
- The co-creation, co-development and Nature proxy resources
- The digital platform for hosting a Nature Library containing KIEUWs (Knowledge, Insights, Experience, Understandings and Wisdom)

GET INVOLVED

We cannot address the polycrises with the mindset that created them

Nature Governance, Nature Proxies and Nature On The Board are elements of transformational leadership supported by the Dandelion Fellowship co-development programme.

Given the scale of the polycrises, the financial demands for the operation and sustainability of the Dandelion Fellowship are commensurate with the complex and systemic challenges we face.

We call on businesses, corporations and organisations to DONATE or SPONSOR the Dandelion Fellowship.

DONATE

Become a matron/patron of the Dandelion Fellowship.

FUND

Become a **sponsor** of the Dandelion Fellowship, with opportunities for meaningful involvement and partnering.

The Dandelion Fellowship Timeline

The Dandelion Fellowship programme launches in January 2024

with its first cohort of 25 fellows from all horizons of life, bringing together representatives of Nature and cultural biodiversity.

The utmost importance is placed on intersectional, intergenerational, and multicultural representation, including indigenous and traditional wisdom from the 7 continents.

The application process opens in June 2023,

so stay tuned for scheduling and application details, curriculum overview, programme information and selection criteria!

