

Be the Change...

The Heritage Institute invites you to participate in the creation of a paradigm shift for our times.

The Challenge

As little as fifty years ago few imagined the world we live in today that faces huge risks and enormous challenges in all spheres of human activity—economy, environment, human health, social equality, and government. Questions like *“Is the world falling apart? Is there a realistic possibility for the world we want?”* are in the minds of our young people as they seek their futures. As educators we need to ask how best to prepare our youth for these uncertain times.



The Offering

Be the Change is an informative, interactive workshop that helps teachers and students understand this time in history, and—however bad things look—states an authentic case for hope. This presentation examines the environmental, social justice and human wellness issues of our times not as separate issues but as various facets stemming from a common cause: the prevailing misperception in modern society that we are separate from each other and from the natural world.

This view can and is changing. Importantly, education has a crucial role to play in moving from a world of separateness, competition and scarcity to one of unity, cooperation and sufficiency for all.

Lecture, group interactions and multi-media highlighting national and world leaders bring participants on a journey from global crisis to opportunity, structured around four questions: Where are We? How did We Get Here? What are Some Possibilities for the Future? Where do We Go from Here? Through this process, participants see the significance of living in the realization that everything is connected.

The real stars of ***Be the Change*** are a most impressive assembly of activists, scholars, indigenous leaders and change-makers brought together by video for this educational symposium. The presentation includes video segments of Nobel Prize winner Archbishop Desmond Tutu; former Secretary of Labor Robert Reich; indigenous activists Tom Goldtooth and Jeannette Armstrong; and many other change-makers who both inform and inspire.

Be the Change is better known as *Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream*. It was developed by the Pachamama Alliance in their mission to alter the dream of the modern world away from a disconnected, high consumption and unsustainable mode toward an environmentally sustainable, socially just, and spiritually fulfilling human experience on Earth.



Join Us

Brian Swimme (USA), physicist, author focusing on the evolutionary dynamics of the universe

Archbishop Desmond Tutu (So. Africa), cleric, activist and opponent of apartheid, recipient of the Nobel Peace prize.

Jeannette Armstrong (Canada), an Okanagan Canadian author, educator, artist, and activist.

Julia Butterfly Hill (USA), environmental activist who lived in a California Redwood tree for 738 days.

Kavita Ramdas(India) President, Global Fund for Women

Majora Carter (USA), environmental justice advocate & founder of the non-profit Sustainable South Bronx.

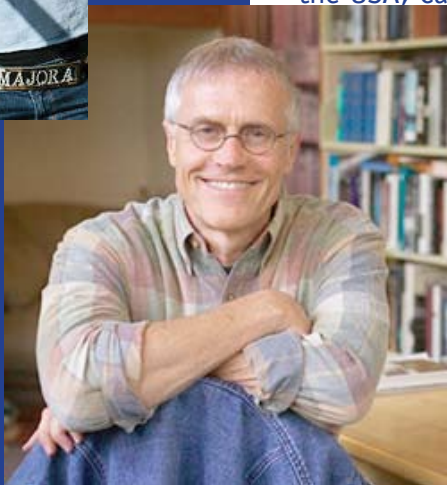
Paul Hawken (USA), environmentalist, author, journalist and entrepreneur.

Robert Reich (USA), academic, writer and US Secretary of Labor under President Clinton.

Thomas Berry (USA), priest, cultural historian, ecotheologian and author.

Tom Goldtooth (USA) Director of the Indigenous Environmental Network, a Dakota elder and leader in Native social, environmental and justice issues.

Van Jones (USA), civil rights and environmental advocate, founder of Green For All, to build a green economy and lift marginalized people out of poverty.



Principal Trainers

President of The Heritage Institute (THI), Mike Seymour is the lead presenter and trainer for **Be The Change**, along with volunteer facilitators around the world.

Training Your School and District Team

Be The Change becomes an effective tool for learning and transformation when a school or school district takes on the curriculum through a train-the-trainer program. Being trained to make school and community presentations of **Be The Change** is a powerful project for teachers and student leaders.

The training can be given to groups of 15 to 200 people. This presentation is appropriate for secondary students, teachers, parents and community members.

Fees

An honorarium of \$500 made out to our non-profit arm, **Youth for a New World**, and reimbursement of all travel expenses for the two presenters.

About the Presentation

Be The Change is typically offered in a 4-hour program, but can be modified to suit shorter formats. This symposium can be used to provide a broader context for student projects or service learning that address issues of equity, poverty, human rights, food and water, energy security, green transportation, global and local environmental sustainability as well as human health and wellness.

This rapidly growing symposium is being given in the USA, Canada, UK, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, parts of Africa, China and Japan. It is our intention eventually to form an online discussion network of global youth who have experienced **Be The Change** and want to share their local action projects with others.

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