DANDELION FELLOWSHIP

Co-development 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

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

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 organizational decision-making, governance and leadership culture.

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

Nature Proxies - Seeds of Change

Nature Proxies represent the voice of Nature in the boardroom. They are stewards of Nature Governance and guardians of the interests of Nature.

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

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The Dandelion Fellowship Initiative



- The Dandelion Fellowship program will officially launch at the next COP28 United Nations Climate Conference, in November-December 2023.
- It will kickstart the co-learning journey of 100 Dandelion Fellows to become Nature Proxies and serve on corporate boards as the voice of Nature.
- The Dandelion Fellowship is a co-development program 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.

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Funding the Fellowship



Be the Wind Beneath the Wings of Nature Proxies

The Dandelion Fellowship program is a creative, imaginative, innovative and ambitious project. It has never before been attempted on such a global scale. However, a volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous (VUCA) world facing an eco-polycrisis demands an agile, daring and courageous response.

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

Your donations and sponsorship will bring the Dandelion Fellowship to life, and cultivate the first seeds of change to spread following COP28.

This investment is essential to create, nurture and sustain -

- The Fellowship development team
- The Fellows on their journey (financial and material)
- 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 and co-development of Nature Proxy resources
- The digital platform to host a Nature Library of Knowledge, Insights, Experience, Understandings and Wisdom (KIEUW)

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We cannot address the polycrisis with the mindset that created it.

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

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 organizations to DONATE to or FUND the Dandelion Fellowship.

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Become a matron/patron of the Dandelion Fellowship.

FUND

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

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The Dandelion Fellowship Timeline

The Dandelion Fellowship program **Iaunches at COP28 in November-December 2023**

The program will begin 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 ancestral, indigenous and traditional wisdom from all seven continents.

The application process opens in June 2023, so stay tuned for scheduling and application details, curriculum overview, program information and selection criteria!



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