

How can we Cooperate on a Platform for Change?

A practical workshop to organise and take control of the narrative that shapes our future

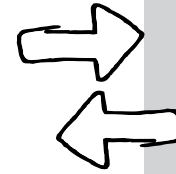
This event was hosted by Art of Hosting and Harvesting practitioners. We aim to adopt a different way of being and working together that is designed to connect us to our Humanity and to invite wise action. It involves deep listening and dialogue and participatory methods as well as a conscious intent to build a supportive active citizenship community. We are learning and practicing how to take responsibility both as “Me” and as “We” in service to Goa.

40 People + 2 Collaborative Techniques

Forty people came together in learning to work powerfully and wisely on projects that we want to co-create in service of people and nature in Goa.

Circle Conversation: each person’s voice is heard by the group as they share why they have come.

Open Space: everyone has an opportunity to call a conversation on what matters to them, and to participate in a conversation that interests them.



Practicing Open Space Technology

11th Feb @ Design Centre, Porvorim 2.30-6.30pm
Supported by, Toke Moeller and Steve Ryman

“The goal of an Open Space Technology meeting is to create time and space for people to engage deeply and creatively around issues of concern to them. The agenda is set by people with the power and desire to see it through.”

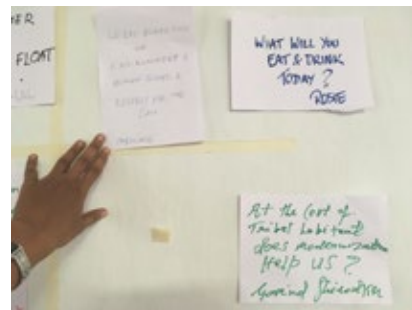
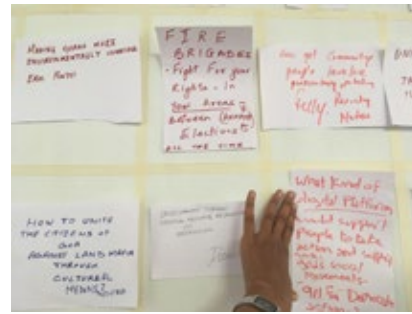
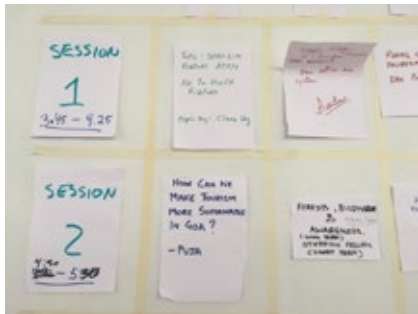
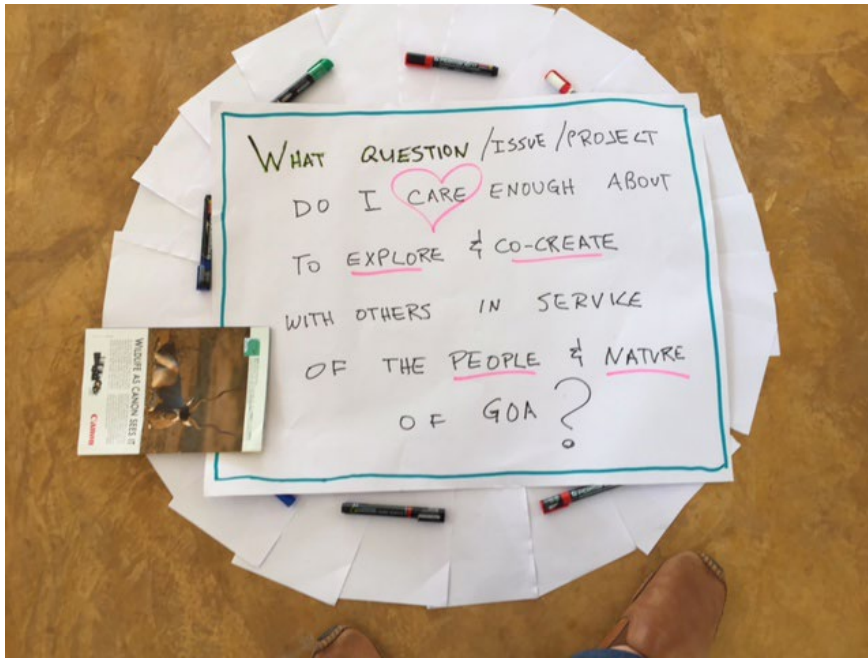
- openspaceworld.org

Principles of Open Space

- Whoever comes are the right people
- Whenever it starts is the right time
- Whatever happens is the only thing that could have
- When it’s over it’s over

Flow of an Open Space Meeting

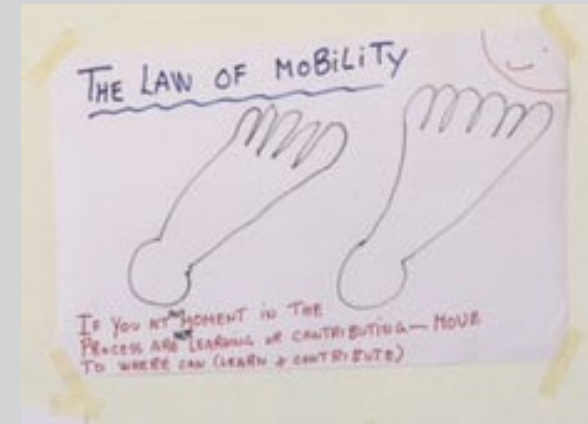
- The group convenes in a circle and is welcomed by one or more hosts.
- The host provides an overview of the process and explains how it works. The host invites people with issues of concern to come into the circle, write the issue on a piece of paper and announces it to the group.
- These people are “conveners.” Each convener places their paper on the wall and chooses a time and a place to meet. This process continues until there are no more agenda items.
- The group then breaks up and heads to the agenda wall, by now covered with a variety of sessions. Participants take note of the time and place for sessions they want to be involved in.
- Dialogue sessions convene for the rest of the meeting. Recorders (determined by each group) capture the important points and post the reports on the news wall. All of these reports will be harvested in some way and returned to the larger group.



“What issue or project do I care enough about to explore and co-create with others, in service to the people and nature of Goa?”

14 burning conversations and project ideas emerged, with people cross-pollinating between them.

(1A) Dabolim airport stays. No to Mopa airport	(2A) How can we make tourism more sustainable in Goa?
(1B) Save Green Goa: our entire ecosystem	(2B) Forests, Biodiversity and Awareness (Long-term), Stop Tree-Felling (Short-term)
(1C) Making Goans more environmentally conscious	(2C) How to unite the citizens of Goa against land mafia through cultural means?
(1D) FFYR brigades (Fight For Your Rights)	(2D) Development through natural resource re-creation, not destruction
(1E) How to get community people involved in preserving, protecting and restoring nature	(2E) What digital platform would support people to unite, take action and support Goa's social movements? 911 for democratic action
(1F) Uniting and empowering Goans to take up the issues of Goa - Goa for Goans	(2F) How to reclaim public spaces for locals?
(1G) Coming together to make a Goenchi Mati carnival float	(2G) People-driven and controlled government, always and everywhere. Power to the people!
(1H) The Angry Goan: legal awareness on environment, human rights, and respect for the law	(2H) How to make yoga a way of life in rural Goa?
(1I) What will you eat and drink today?	(2I) At the cost of tribal habitants, does modernisation help us?



The Law of Two Feet

If you find yourself in a situation where you are not contributing or learning, move somewhere where you can.

Roles in Open Space

- Host—announce and host a workshop
- Participant—participate in a workshop
- Bumble bee—“shop” between workshops
- Butterfly—take time out to reflect





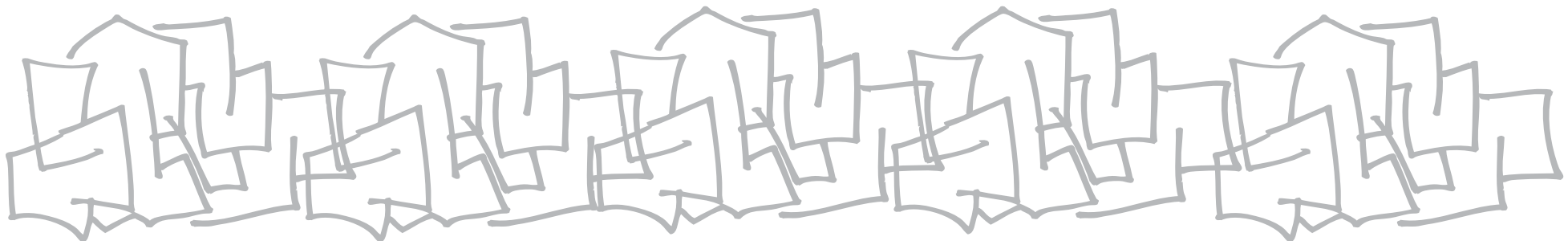
Harvest from the Community Gathering



A number of ideas and proposed activities emerged during our afternoon together. What became clear through the harvesting process was the potential for synergy between each of them, which, when combined could form a 'supportive active citizenship ecosystem' for Goa.

We, the harvesters, have outlined the main conversations that took place, ideas that emerged, and proposed activities below, and have also created a visual map to highlight one way in which they could potentially interconnect and support one another.

This '**ecosystem**' visual is presented to you here not as a proposal for how to move forwards, but as an offering back to the group, for your thoughts and feedback. Each of the ideas and proposed activities have also been outlined individually below in writing.



Tech-Enabled Active Citizenship

Making our Reality Visible: a digital mapping of our ecosystem assets, alongside infringements, pollution/garbage, and solutions

Mapping: Data that supports accountability

- Working together to answer the question: 'What are our precious assets worth protecting?'
- Ecosystem data would include forests, biodiversity, food, water, waterways, soil, renewable resources eg bamboo.

Conversations: 2B, 2D, 2E

Interested parties: Reboni, Avertino, Tamer

A digital platform to help bridge the information disconnect between people who want to act and people who can help them do so

Helpline & Website

- A WhatsApp helpline of informed experts to provide real time support and legal advice to citizens who want to act in the face of destructive development "911 for citizen action/democracy"
- An information-rich website with FAQs, forms for filing complaints and other support tools for active citizens. Whenever you see something that doesn't feel right, this platform provides a way for you to find out what action you can take.
- Award/recognize active citizens, make public, name and honour & name and shame
- Publish inspiring stories

Conversations: 1H, 2E, 2G, 2B, 1B, 1I, 2C, 2I

Interested parties: Caroline (Human Rights Legal Network: can identify topics and gather info)

Jessica (Video Volunteers: convert these into a body of information to be shared publicly)

+ Avertino, Eric, Reboni, Vincent

Supporting Participatory Governance At Village Level

An outreach campaign to villages across Goa to raise awareness about people's rights and responsibilities, challenges and solutions, and the opportunity to be stronger together

Outreach Mobile Bus Campaign : Awareness raising through conversation

- Create an awareness-raising film about the need for active citizenship to Save Green Goa.
- Visit all of Goa's villages in a mobile van and host film screenings, chai and a participatory community conversation to explore how to come together and take a stand/collaborate for the future we want. Issues to be explored include: active citizenship, legal rights, the need for eco-awareness and the opportunity of resilience (food security/water/soil/forests), waste management, etc.
- Target schools and youth, elders, and women.
- Share vision of Village Action Councils (see below), Biodiversity Management Committees, the 911 for Citizen Action helpline number.
- Share other awareness/education campaigns: e.g. Goenchi Mati carnival float (25th-29th February 2017), What's on your plate? What's in your ecosystem? etc.

Conversations: 1H, 1F, 1D, 1I, 2I, 2C, 1C, 1G

Interested parties: Caroline, Jessica/VV, Kennedy, Anand

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Peoples/Goenchi Mati Carnival Float

Conversation: 1G

Invite/inspire creation of Village Action Councils, under the 73rd & 74th amendments

Support Village Action Groups To Shape Their Future

- Begin with a pilot in 3-5 villages, providing support and apprenticeship from the wider community of active citizens.
- Support with how to host communities of change, forming Biodiversity Management Committees / Village Action Councils, etc.
- Support communities to discover their own pathways to green development: "what could this place be?" + How can we feed ourselves?
- Define an authentic 'story of place' that can sustain quality of life into the future, linking stewarding natural wealth, green livelihoods and creating local resilience, alternatives to extractive industries, sustainable tourism/visitors, etc. Feed into the District Development Planning Committee, which feeds into the State level masterplan.
- Include engagement with youth and schools to map and protect biodiversity/forests/natural assets, food forest potential, heritage, cultural, and human/skill assets, and protect against the land mafia.
- Document individual stories, and community stories.

Conversations: 1C, 1H, 1F, 1D, 2I, 2C

Interested parties: Kennedy/Joanna/ Anand

Goa-wide Multistakeholder Conversations about Transition to a Greener Economy And Society

Multistakeholder Quality of Life conversations to explore
21st Century Green Goa and imagine the green economy/green
livelihoods/industry in Goa

Imagining A Green Future For Goa

- Asking the question: What are economics of Quality of life?
- Shift the conceptual understanding of the future we want, by co-creating a new vision of the future based on enduring Quality of Life.
- Involve social entrepreneurs, policymakers, key bureaucrats, designers and investors.
- Aim to create economic incentives for a green economy, maintaining ecological equilibrium, incentivizing green jobs, and green development.

Conversations: 2D, 1B, 1C

Interested parties: Dean/Joanna

Multistakeholder Sustainable Tourism Conversations to design
a 'People's Tourism Masterplan,' which connects with all of the
initiatives above

Sustainable Green Tourism

- Invite all stakeholders including visitors and policy makers, to work together on viable solutions to make the economy environment and future safe healthy and sustainable.
- Guided by the village level development plans and providing support for local sustainable tourism practice. Tourism based on local consent. Draws on Quality of life, resilience, food water security
- Campaigns for involving tourists in issues relating to Goa, including dos and donts

Conversations: 2A, 2C

Interested parties: Puja

11th February Meeting: Participant Names

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What's next?



Please do **reply to the email thread** with any details you feel we have missed out or misrepresented above.



Many thanks to all of those who showed up and contributed. If any of you feel you would like to **call a follow on participatory meeting** to take forward any of the ideas outlined above and would like support in hosting and harvesting that meeting - please invite us and we would be more than happy to support you :) hello@circlwallas.net



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