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community
11-28 May 2009



Presence Retreat

11-14 May, Axladitsa-Avatakia, Greece

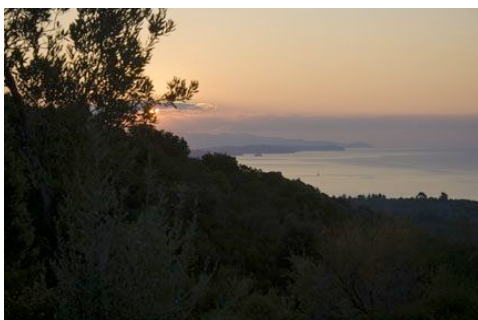
How does presence really support us when the carpet is being pulled?

How can we bring our chaos with us and let the land and the natural world help us to look at that?

What if, as the ground shifts, we need presence more than ever – and we need to be in the ground of our presence, and each other's – to feel one another's strength?

What if presence – individual and collective – is a leadership quality that transforms context and invites a new future?

We are a group of practitioners who work in organisations and communities, hosting newness that creates resilience and sustainability. We are curious about how presence – individual and collective – impacts what we practice, how we practice and where, so we can transform the contexts of our communities and organisations.



Sunrise



Stillness



Moonrise

For us...*Presence is that still, quiet place at our core, our “ground of being”. It is always there and available to us, but not always accessible because of our mental filters. When we slow down and pay attention to what is true and present in the moment rather than engrossed in our incessant mental chatter, we tap into our presence. From a place of presence, we can truly listen to the “river below the river” where we not only have access to our own personal wisdom, but also the collective wisdom of the field.*



“Presence is that moment when our resonance syncs with the resonance of the ever-creating spirit of life. From this oneness, all is possible.”

Tenneson Woolf

Each of us works with various practices – and each brings a particular modality to this collective inquiry of transformation through presence. This includes embodied movement, being with nature, silence, sound, living systems perspective and conversation. So far we have gathered virtually via conference calls around questions that bring us to inquire together. We are now crafting a Presence Retreat that we wish to invite others to join us.

We have seen that cultivating and connecting our presence comes from a deep pool of stillness and silence that is both universal and personal. We are gathering with the intention of living and learning within this deep pool for four days of open space by primarily being in silence and with nature. We see us meeting on ‘islands of making sense together’ through embodied movement, conversation and sound.

We invite you to join us – to bring your questions, projects, and contexts so that you can both learn from our practices and bring yours to offer. Together we will co-create a collaborative learning field where we can exchange, engage and enact the next level of our presence – individual and collective – that is waiting to meet us.

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N.B. This Retreat is the first collective inquiry of the ***Axladitsa Immersion*** – 11-28 May 2009. For further information – see <http://www.axladitsa.org/calendar.htm>

