

Change

The world is changing at an unprecedented rate fuelled by technology, changing expectations and globalization.

People react to change in various ways. Some with hostility, some (particularly those that benefit economically) with hope.

For most, change is confusing and unsettling. The problem is not change itself, but people's response to it.

There is a deep desire for leadership to emerge during times of vast change. When people seek strong leadership we have much to hope for as well as to fear. The hope is for a people seeking a better world and a new reaching out, the fear is that leaders who speak with confidence, giving easy answers in a complex and confusing time are easily followed. (Remember Nazi Germany, Rwanda, and Northern Ireland.)

How do we enable people to believe in collective potential? How do we harness the collective good to solve problems such as poverty?

CURRENT APPROACHES

There is little help for society to cope with rapid change. Education is often proposed as essential in this changing world and there is a growing concern for a more involved, civic society. There is a growing trend to teach leadership skills at both the community level and in the formal education system.

A SOLUTION

Help people take leadership on a significant problem such as poverty.

We believe that people need to feel empowered. If they engage collectively in trying to solve some of the major problems facing society (such as poverty) they will experience a renewed sense of control in these changing times.

The very act of working together to find new solutions empowers people and gives them confidence and a belief in their own and collective leadership capabilities.

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