

Me-We-World Whitepaper 2025

Repositioning Humanity through the Living Grid

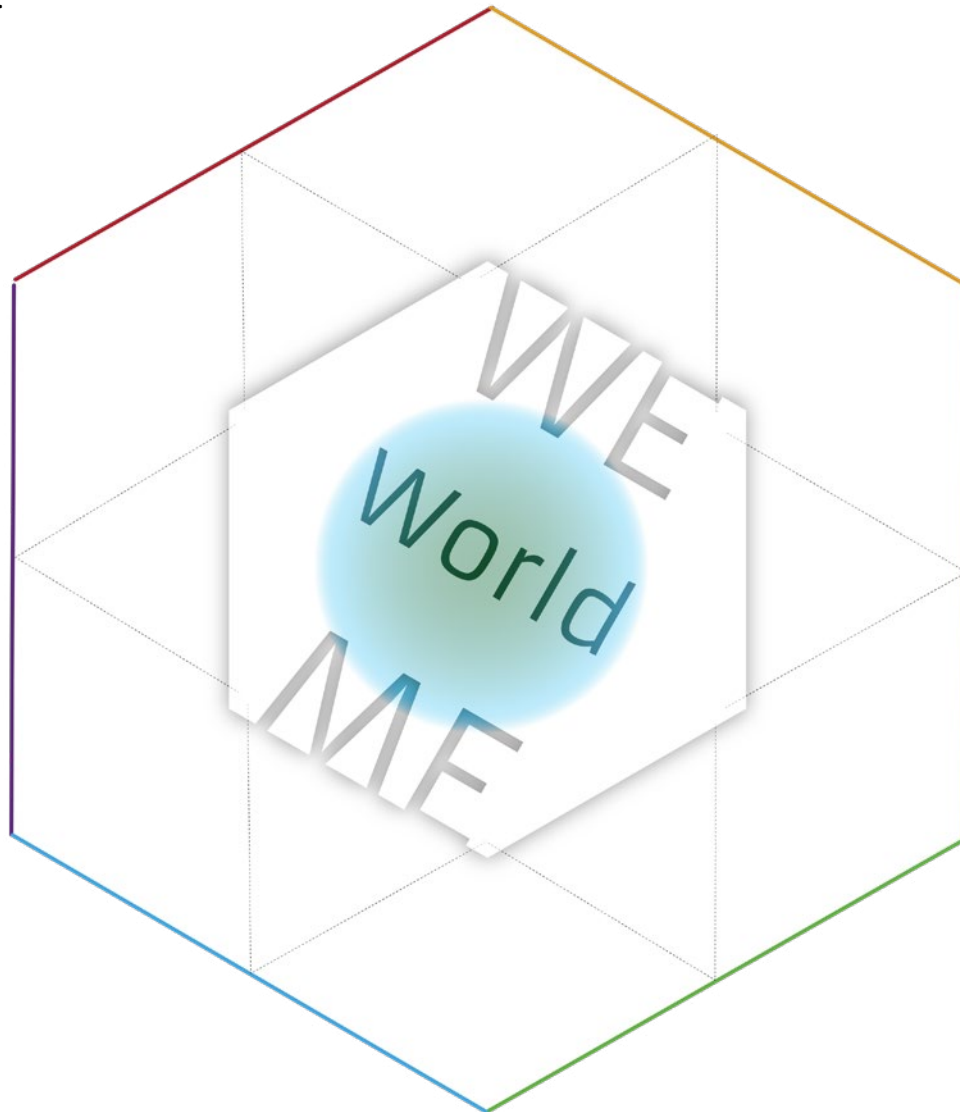
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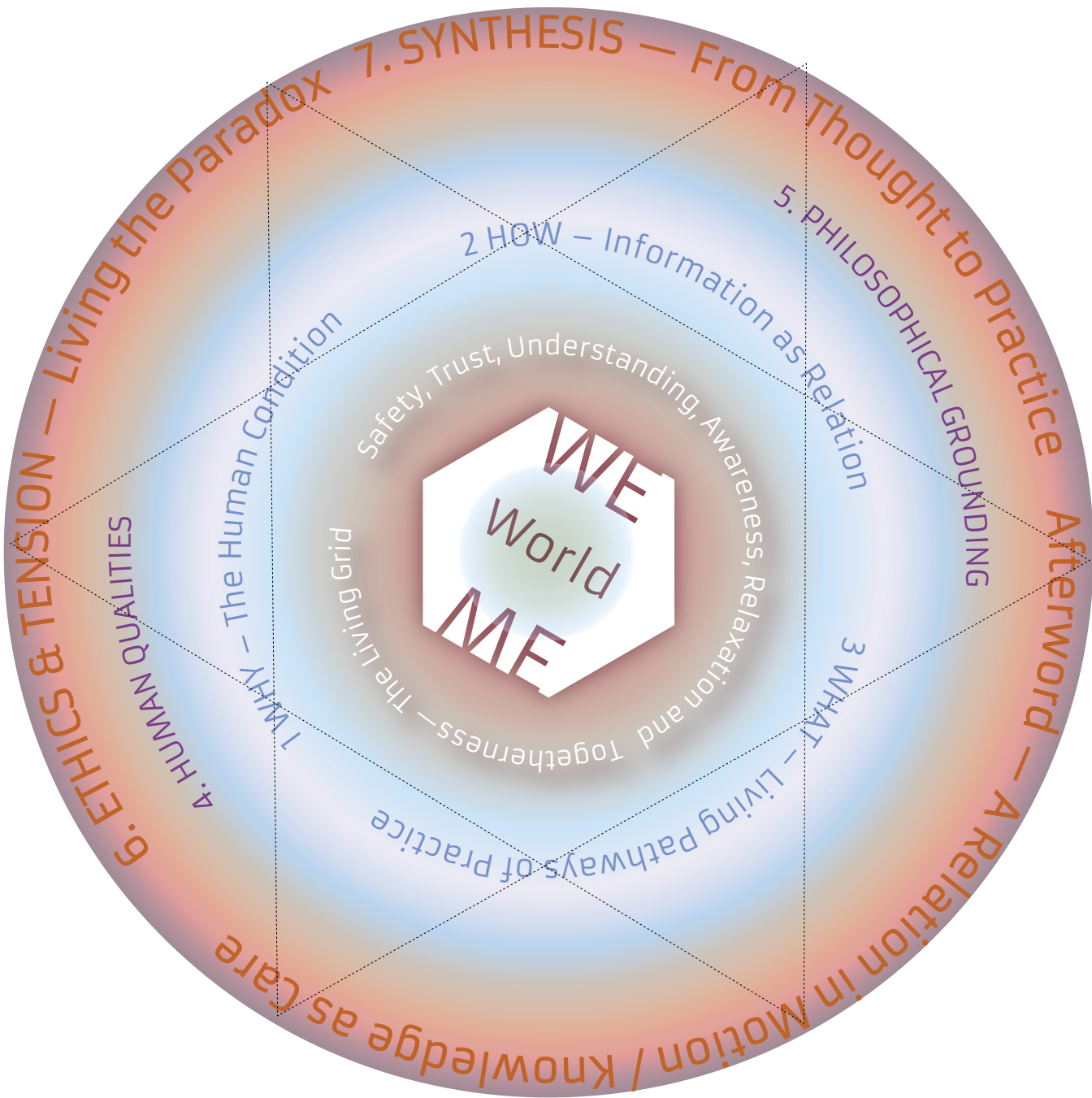
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An overview of the Me-We-World Whitepaper 2025 tracing the movement from vision to practice, from individual awareness to collective transformation.





From Indifference → to Awareness → to Care

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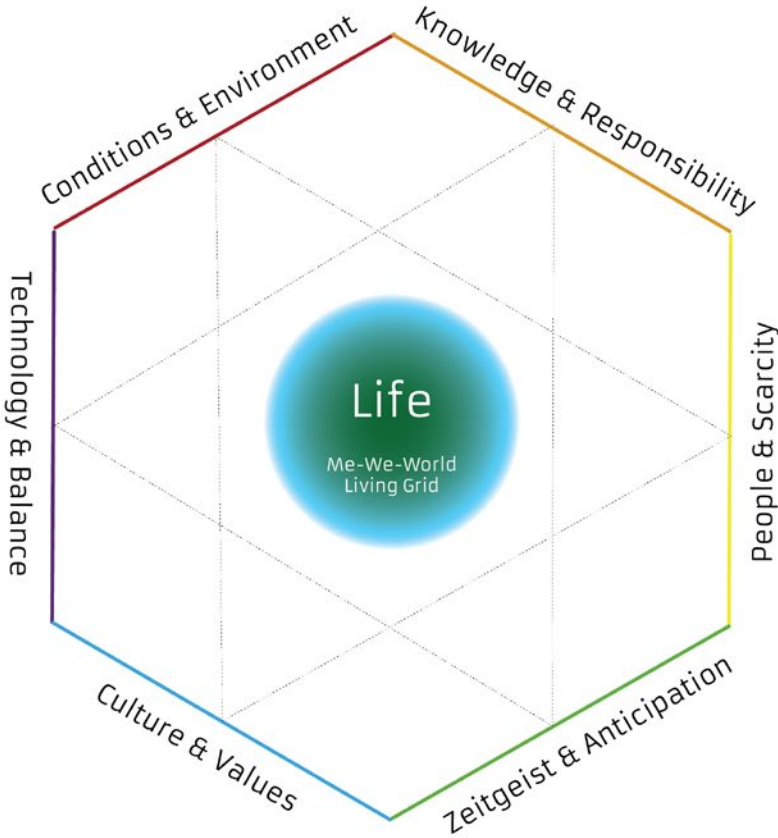
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1. WHY — The Human Condition

1.1 Preface — Why This Matters

The world no longer needs more solutions; it needs new ways of seeing. Between accelerating technology and growing fragmentation, humanity stands at a threshold: we know more than ever, yet we understand less of what it means to live together. Me-We-World (MWW) emerged from this tension. It began as a game, became a framework, and has grown into a living ecosystem of practice — a constellation of thinkers, designers, artists and facilitators exploring how relation itself can become the medium of transformation. This whitepaper is not a roadmap but a field of reflection. It invites readers to move through three interwoven dimensions: Philosophy — thinking within life; Ethics — the practice of resonance; and Practice — collaboration as relation. At the heart of MWW lies the Living Grid — a relational compass moving through Ritualising, Sharing and Imagining across Me, We and World. Rather than fixing systems, the Grid teaches us to participate in their becoming.

“We do not stand opposite the world; we are already within her question.”

— after Th.C.W. Oudemans

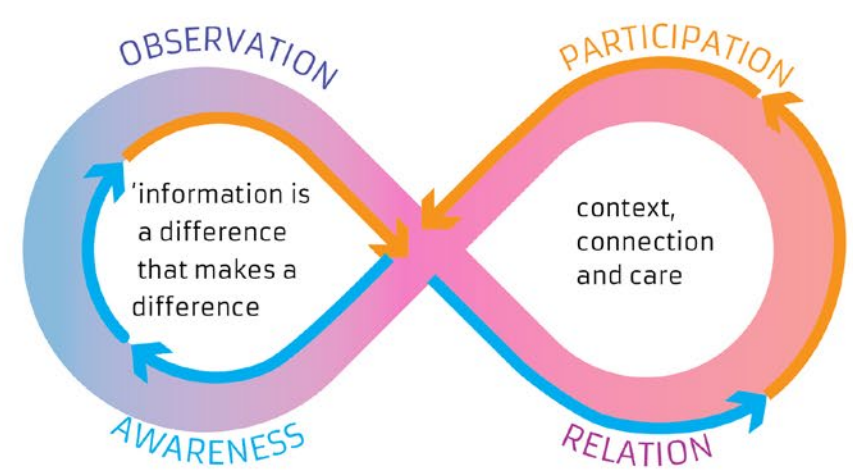
1.1. Navigating the Human Condition

Exploring the six existential domains of MWW and the tension between progress and presence.

The Me-We-World framework explores six existential domains — Ecology, Knowledge, Culture, People, Zeitgeist, and Technology — which together describe the evolving condition of being human. Each domain is not a fixed theme but a living field of tension: a dialogue between forces that continuously shape our shared existence.

- **Conditions & Environment**
— how we inhabit the natural world and sustain the contexts that sustain us.
- **Knowledge & Responsibility**
— how learning becomes accountability — from information to awareness.
- **Culture & Values**
— how meaning evolves across generations through creativity and care.
- **People & Scarcity**
— how individuality meets limitation and discovers empathy through interdependence.
- **Zeitgeist & Anticipation**
— how the present converses with the possible, sensing futures before they arrive.
- **Technology & Balance**
— how innovation can serve life rather than consume it.

Together, these six relational pairs form the ethical landscape of Me-We-World. They reveal that human experience is neither static nor solitary but systemic — a choreography of dependencies that asks not only what we do but how we belong. In this sense, Me-We-World begins with awareness: to navigate the human condition is to perceive the pattern of relations that make us whole.

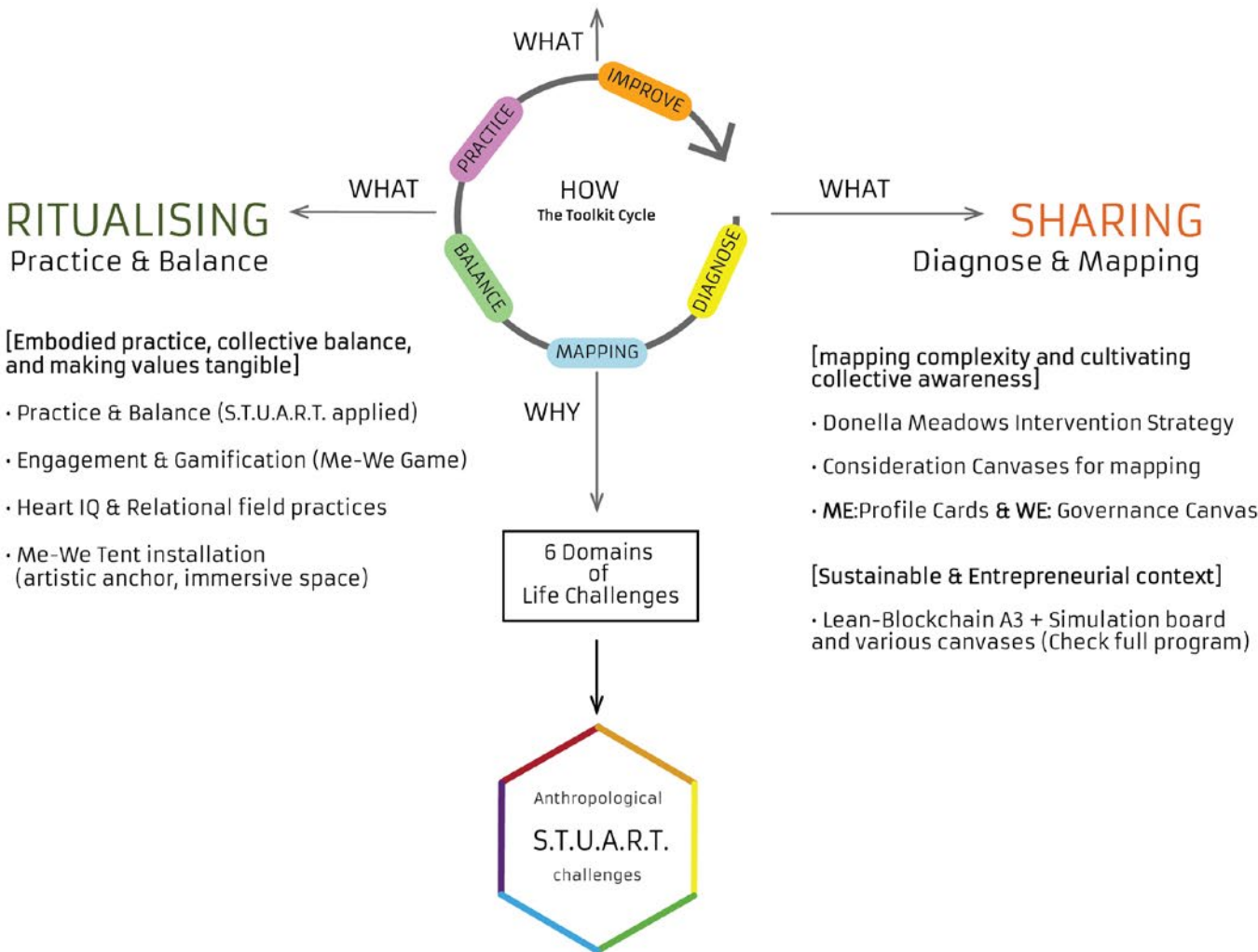


IMAGINING

Improve (Innovation)

[Design Thinking - Systems Thinking - VIBE Coding]

Exploring futures, redefining value, and prototyping new possibilities through VIBE Coding and Design Thinking canvases



2.1. Information as Living Relation

Understanding information as context and connection, not data.

Following **Gregory Bateson's** insight that 'information is a difference that makes a difference,' Me-We-World treats information not as data but as **living relation**. Meaning arises only in context —between **Me and We**. **Th.C.W. Oudemans** shows that information guides adaptation and survival, yet detached from context it becomes instrumental resource. **Heidegger** warned of this danger: a world reduced to **Bestand**, where being itself turns into material for control. Me-We-World restores the relational nature of information through practices that honour **context, connection and care**.

2.2. The Living Grid

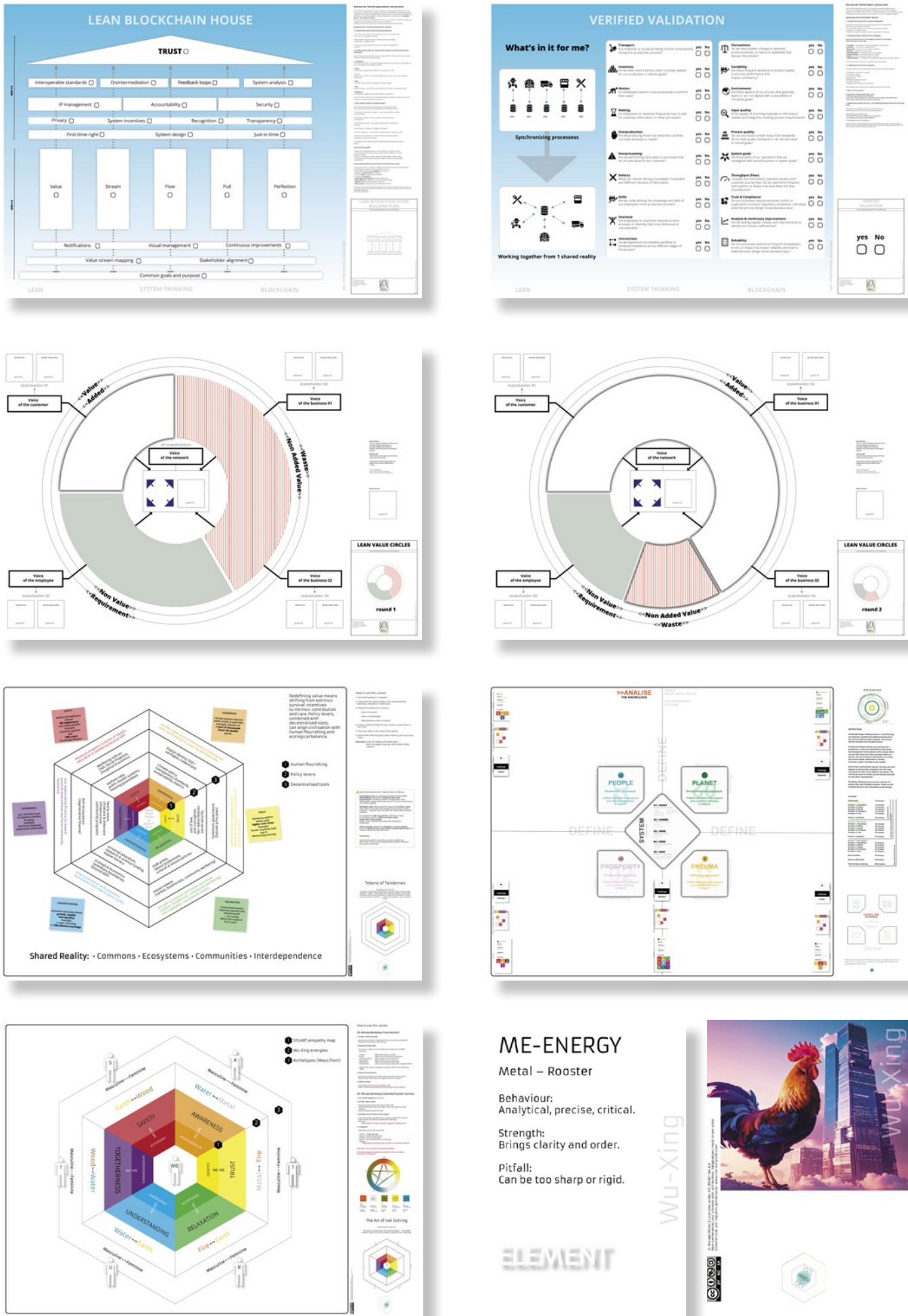
A relational compass for Ritualising, Sharing, and Imagining across Me, We, and World.

The **Living Grid** translates these insights into **experiential practice**. It moves through three gestures —**Ritualising, Sharing, and Imagining** — across the dimensions of **Me, We, and World**. Together they form a living methodology for navigating the human condition. Human Perspectives give continuity through Ritualising; Human **Conditions (S.T.U.A.R.T.)** ground the field of Sharing; and Human **Actions** open new possibilities through Imagining.

2.3. Toolkit Cycle — A Supportive Rhythm

From reflection to iteration — the rhythm that sustains systemic learning.

While the Living Grid flows organically, facilitators need rhythm for reflection and iteration. The **Toolkit Cycle** offers this structure: **Diagnose → Map → Balance → Practice → Improve**. It complements the Living Grid by grounding relational insights in **practical learning loops**.



3. WHAT — Living Pathways of Practice

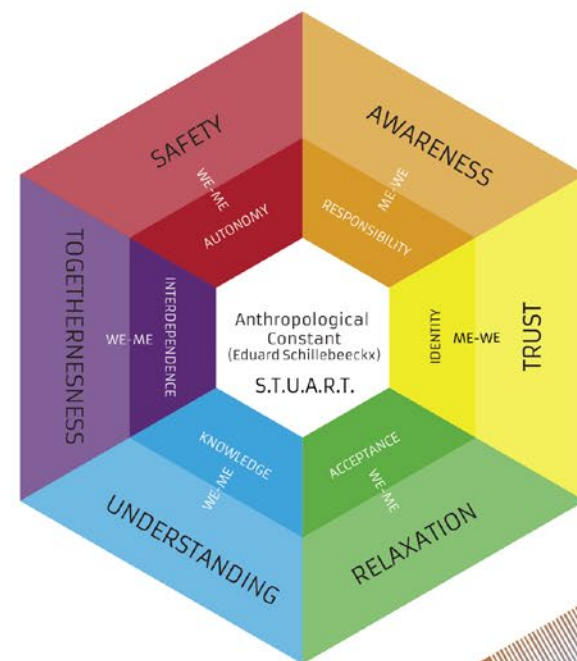
3.1. Pathways

Me-We-World is not a fixed program but a **movement of practice** — **living pathways** that translate **relational vision** into **embodied action**. These pathways invite **concreation** rather than prescription and grow through **partnerships in education, enterprise, community and artistic contexts**. Each pathway is supported by the Toolkit Cycle — ensuring feedback between philosophy and practice.

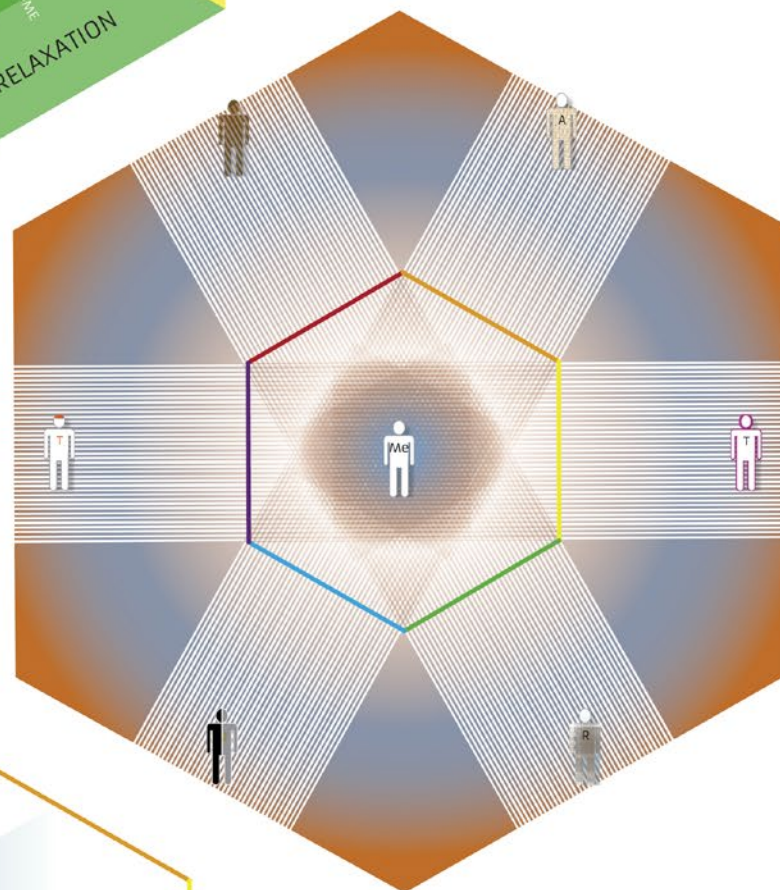
Pathway	Context / Field	Purpose / Focus	Example Partner
Education & Transformation	Universities, learning networks	Future Literacy, relational learning	Pilot educational programs
Community & Governance	Local initiatives, civic groups	Collective sense-making, dialogue	Community workshops
Enterprise & Sustainability	Circular and social enterprises	Redefine value and governance	Blockchain for Lean by Machiel Tesser
Art & Experience	Cultural spaces, exhibitions	Translate complexity into lived form	ArtMotivator Studio

3.2. ArtMotivator Studio

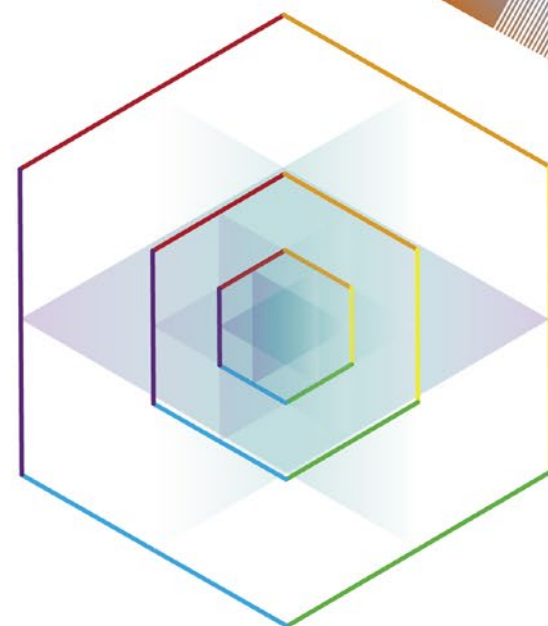
All **Me-We-World** tools and visual frameworks are developed within **ArtMotivator Studio**, founded by **Lawrence Kwakye**. ArtMotivator believes in the power of **design and art** to create **moments of transformation** — pivotal instances when **new perspectives spark new possibilities**. Through **visual concept development, immersive spatial design and strategic communication**, the studio translates **complex challenges** into **tangible experiences**. ArtMotivator functions as the **creative foundation for Me-We-World**, crafting **canvases, installations and artefacts** that turn **abstract ideas** into **participatory practices**.



S.T.U.A.R.T. Compass
— The Human Axis (Me We)



Warm Data
— The Relational Pulse



Imagining Futures
— Future Literacy



4. HUMAN QUALITIES

4.1. S.T.U.A.R.T. Life Qualities — An Anthropology of Relation

Context as knowledge, conversation as data.

S.T.U.A.R.T. stands for **Safety, Trust, Understanding, Awareness, Relaxation and Togetherness** — six life qualities that form the human ground of the **Me-We-World framework**. Orinally inspired by **Eduard Schillebeeckx's anthropological constants**, S.T.U.A.R.T. has evolved into a neutral, crossncultural model for human wellInbeing. It offers an **existential compass** beyond religious or ideological boundaries — **a living human system** that connects the biological, emotional and social dimensions of life. At its core, S.T.U.A.R.T. embodies the **tension between Me and We — between autonomy and interdependence**. This axis is not a division, but a dynamic field of movement: each quality oscillates between personal integrity and collective care. The shift from Tenderness to Togetherness marks the next phase of this evolution —from **sensitivity as a private feeling towards empathy as a shared practice**.

4.2. Warm Data — The Relational Pulse

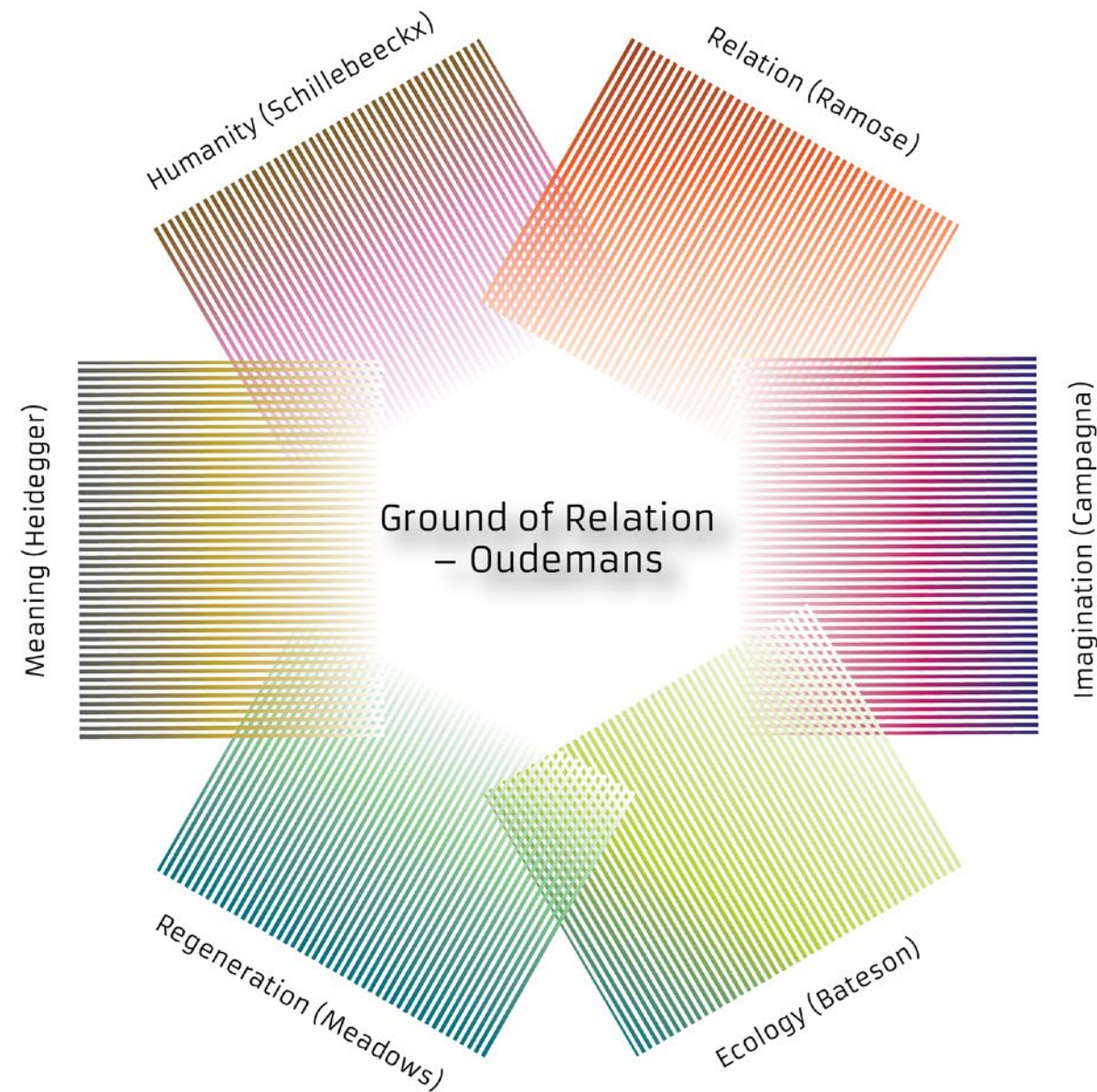
From Context to context

Meaning lives not in data but between it. Warm Data, coined by **Nora Bateson**, describes the quality of information that emerges through **relationships — between people, contexts and stories**. In **Me-We-World**, **conversations themselves are data**; the canvases simply make the **invisible visible for a moment**. Me-We-World draws inspiration from the Warm Data methodology developed by the International Bateson Institute (Nora Bateson). While not yet certified to host official Warm Data Labs, the underlying principles of **context, relation and systemic sensitivity** deeply inform our practice. We seek collaboration with certified Warm Data facilitators to embed this dimension within the MWW ecosystem.

4.3. Imagining Futures — Future Literacy

Imagination as civic skill: perceiving meaning in what does not yet exist.

Imagining is not escape but engagement. It is the ability to **perceive meaning in what does not yet exist**. Drawing from **UNESCO's Future Literacy (Riel Miller)**, Me-We-World treats imagination as a civic skill —the capacity to use the future to transform the present.



5. PHILOSOPHICAL GROUNDING



Philosophical Grounding — The Weave of Thought

From Heidegger's question of being to Oudemans' critique of indifference, and from Schillebeeckx, Ramose, Campagna, Bateson, and Meadows — a philosophical ecology that forms MWW's living foundation.

Every framework hides a philosophy;
Every method grows from a way of seeing.
Me-We-World is not built on a single thinker,
but on a constellation of minds that, together, shape its ecology of meaning.

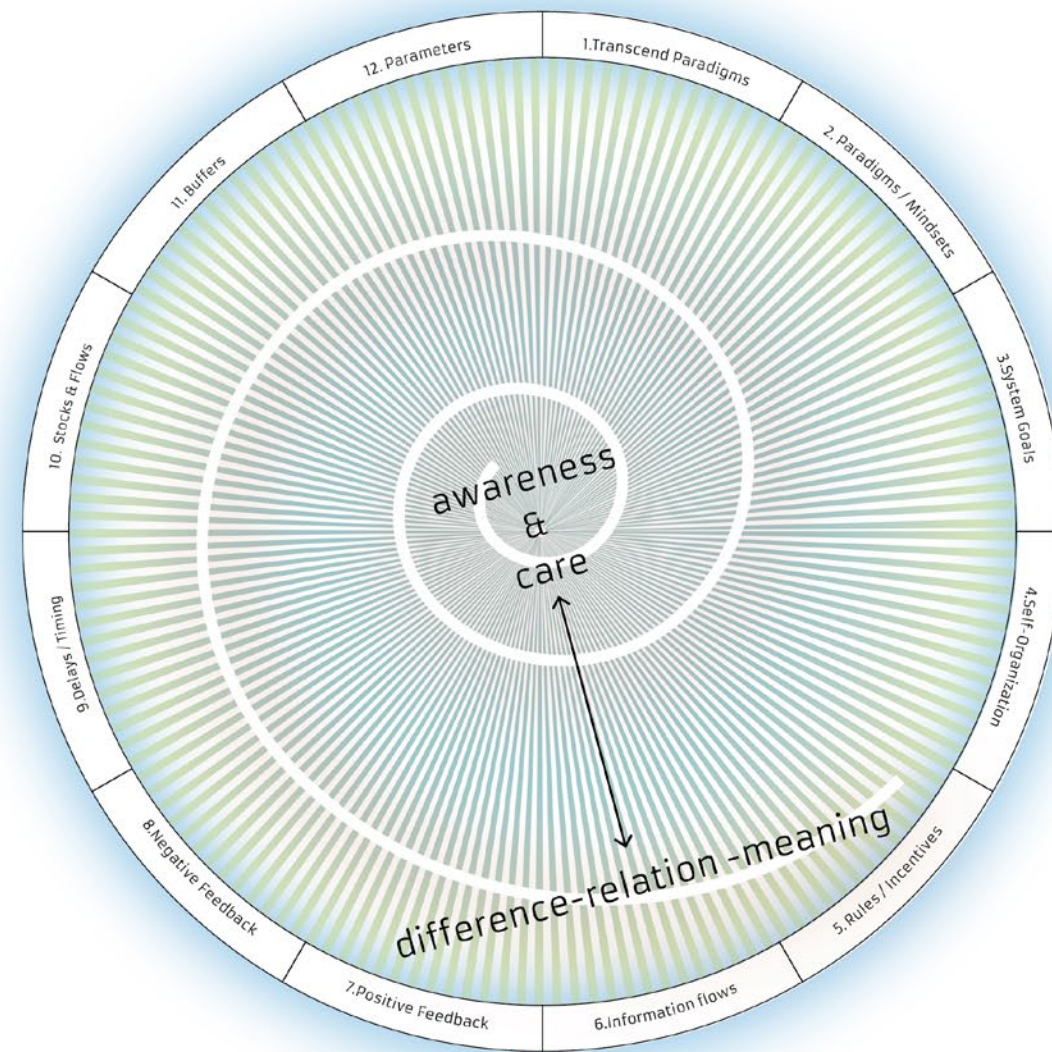
At its centre stands **Th.C.W. Oudemans**, whose work *Moeder Natuur* reveals the silent fracture of modern thought:
The illusion that humanity stands opposite nature.
For Oudemans, indifference — not evil, not ignorance — is the true crisis of our time.
When reason detaches itself from belonging,
the world becomes an object, and knowledge turns to control.
His statement, "We stand not opposite nature," is both diagnosis and invitation —
a call to restore relations as the condition of thought itself.

This insight grows from **Martin Heidegger**,
who first uncovered the danger of technological thinking —
the reduction of being to resource, of life to standing reserve (Bestand).
Oudemans continues that inquiry,
showing how the very structure of modern reason conceals the world it seeks to understand.
Where Heidegger warned, Oudemans listens:
He turns the critique of technology into an ethics of attention.

From this centre, the philosophical weave expands outward.
Eduard Schillebeeckx brings the human back into the field —
reminding us that salvation is not transcendence,
but the rediscovery of meaning through relation.
His anthropological constants evolve in MWW into **S.T.U.A.R.T.**,
a secular compass for shared humanity.

Mogobe Ramose, through Ubuntu, deepens this anthropology into ontology.
Being is belonging; identity is participation.
He grounds MWW's We in the African rhythm of reciprocity
—to exist is to be with, to be from, and to be for.

Federico Campagna opens the horizon of imagination.
In *Technic and Magic*, he exposes the spell of modern rationality
—a world that works but no longer means.
His *Magic* restores the poetics of reality,
the sense that imagination is not illusion but an act of world-making.
Through him, MWW's *Imagining Futures* becomes not prediction, but re-enchantment.



Challenge:
Where do we intervene
for the greatest impact?

Precondition:
Systems are complex &
self-organizing.

5. PHILOSOPHICAL GROUNDING



>>Philosophical Grounding — The Weave of Thought

Gregory Bateson shifts the lens from being to relation.
Information, he writes, is "a difference that makes a difference"
—meaning arises only in context.
He teaches MWW to read systems as living conversations,
where knowledge is not content but pattern,
and care begins with attention to difference.

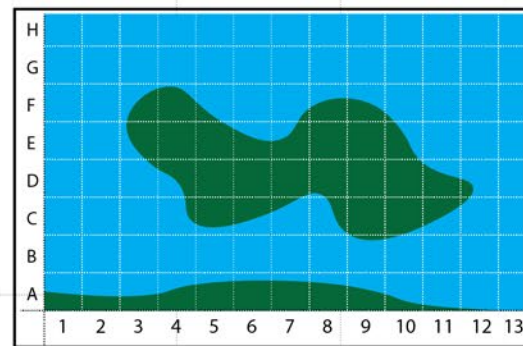
Finally, Donella Meadows brings this awareness into systemic form.
Her Leverage Points reveal that true transformation happens
not at the level of control, but at the level of consciousness.
She teaches that the deepest change is perceptual
—to shift from acting on systems to acting with them.

Together, these thinkers form a philosophical ecology:
Heidegger gives ontology,
Oudemans gives a critique,
Bateson gives relation,
Campagna gives imagination,
Schillebeeckx gives compassion,
Ramose gives belonging,
and Meadows gives awareness.
At their intersection stands Me-We-World

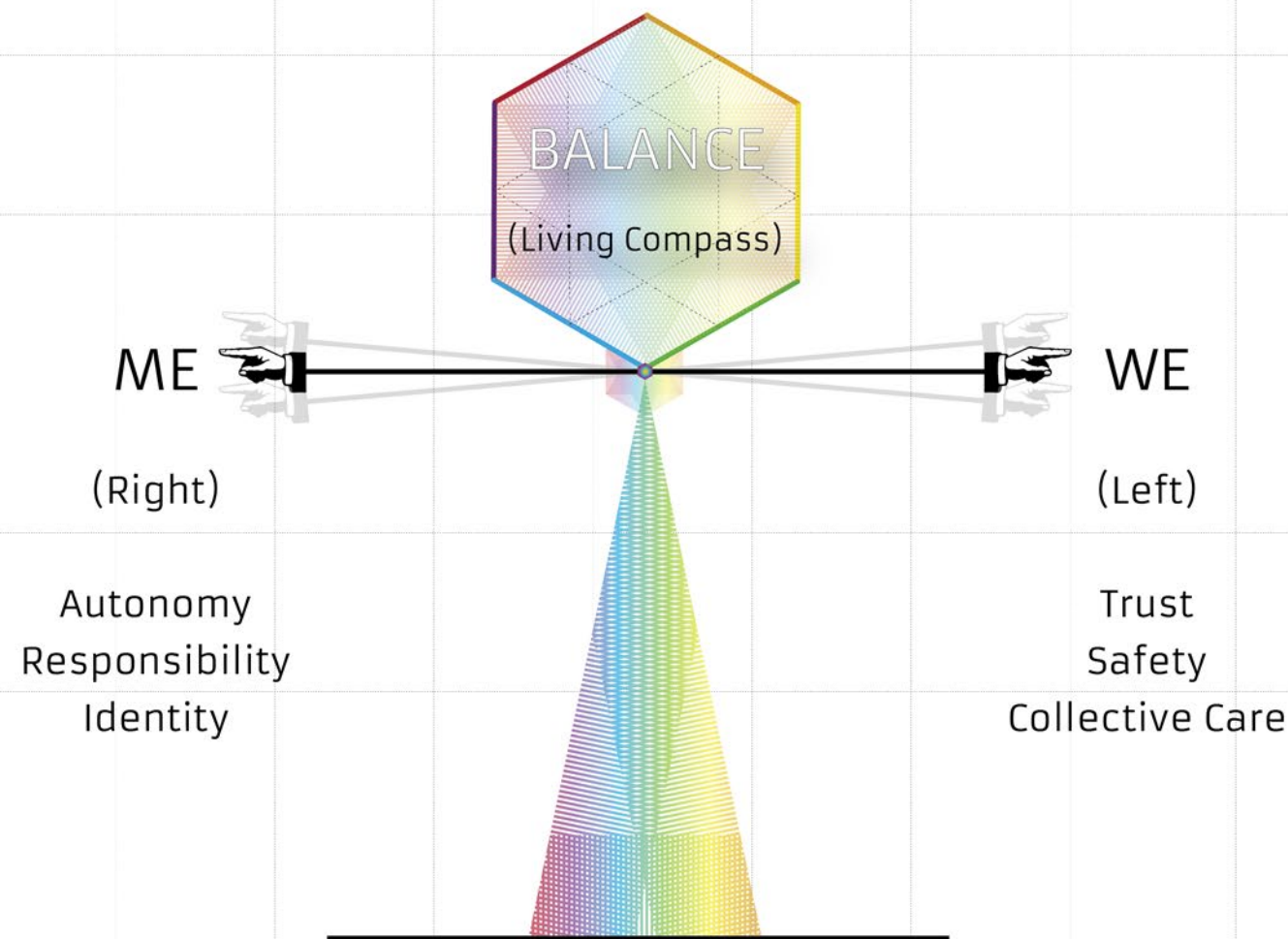
—a living weave where meaning, ethics, and design become one field of participation.

Here, philosophy is no longer a discipline, but a practice of sensing the world, thinking through us.

"We do not stand opposite the world; we are already within her question."
— after Oudemans



"The map is not the territory"



Living with Tension — The Practice of Political Resonance



6.1.Ethics — The Map & the Territory

Recognising reduction and staying accountable to relation.

'The map is not the territory.' **Alfred Korzybski's** reminder captures the ethics of Me-We-World: each model, word or canvas is a conscious reduction — a way of seeing, not the thing itself. Shared with awareness, such maps become bridges, not boundaries. Ethical practice in MWW begins with recognising reduction and staying accountable to context and relation

6.2 Living with Tension — The Practice of Political Resonance

Between Me and We, autonomy and solidarity — ethics as oscillation.

Complexity is not the enemy; it is the ecology where meaning grows. To live with tension is to resist the reflex to resolve. It means recognising contradiction not as failure, but as the natural rhythm of life. In Me-We-World, tension is practised between Me and We, order and emergence, control and care, the pulse of relational ethics. At the societal level, this becomes political resonance. Every culture oscillates between the poles of individual freedom and collective responsibility, the right and the left, the Me and the We. MWW does not seek a static middle ground, but a field of coherence where opposites can be heard as complementary. To live politically, in the MWW sense, is not to take sides, but to learn the art of oscillation — to dwell within the paradox where freedom and equality breathe the same air.

"Where Oudemans sees the world as a casino of indifferent play, MWW extends this play into awareness — a conscious participation rather than passive gambling."

Like the players in Oudemans' casino, we act within systems whose rules shift as we play.

Ethics, then, is not mastery over uncertainty but the art of remaining attentive within it.

Level	Systemic Focus (Meadows)	Me-We-World Interpretation	Ethical Dimension / Awareness Shift
12	Parameters (taxes, subsidies, standards)	Adjust what is visible without mistaking it for meaning.	→ Efficiency → Transparency → Context
11	Buffers & Reserves (stocks of stability)	Protect resilience; create time for feedback to breathe.	→ Control → Patience → Trust
10	Structures of Flows (material & informational)	Map how resources and relations circulate.	→ Visibility → Equity → Balance
9	Delays in Response (timing loops)	Sense rhythm before reaction; act in tempo with the system.	→ Hurry → Listening → Care
8	Balancing Feedback (stabilising loops)	Strengthen feedback that restores harmony.	→ Correction → Learning → Responsibility
7	Reinforcing Feedback (growth loops)	Notice amplification; channel momentum towards coherence.	→ Expansion → Reflection → Awareness
6	Information Flows (who knows what)	Design transparency as dialogue, not control	→ Secrecy → Communication → Participation
5	Rules of the System (incentives, constraints)	Co-create boundaries that invite inclusion.	→ Compliance → Co-creation → Ethical Alignment.
4	Self-Organisation (adaptivity)	Enable systems to learn from themselves.	→ Direction → Emergence → Autonomy
3	Goals of the System	Align purpose with collective well-being.	→ Profit → Meaning → Regeneration
2	Paradigms / Mindsets	Reveal the worldview behind behaviour.	→ Certainty → Inquiry → Consciousness
1	Transcending Paradigms	Act from presence rather than position; embrace paradox.	→ Duality → Integration → Wisdom



6. ETHICS & TENSION

6.3.Leverage Points — Ethics in Motion

Where Oudemans reminds us that the world has no master, Meadows shows us where to touch it wisely. Both reveal that transformation begins not with control, but with perception.

Change is never only technical. It is the art of sensing where a system listens. Donella Meadows described twelve “places to intervene in a system” from the measurable to the meaningful, from surface parameters to the paradigms beneath them. Each layer reveals a deeper form of leverage: at the top lie numbers and controls; at the bottom, perception itself. Me-We-World reads this as an ethical topology of awareness. Every leverage point is not only a mechanism of change but a mirror of consciousness. To work in systems is to decide from which depth we are acting — from correction, from care, or from coherence. The table at the left re-interprets Meadows’ twelve levels through the lens of MWW. Each point shows how technical intervention can transform into relational awareness.

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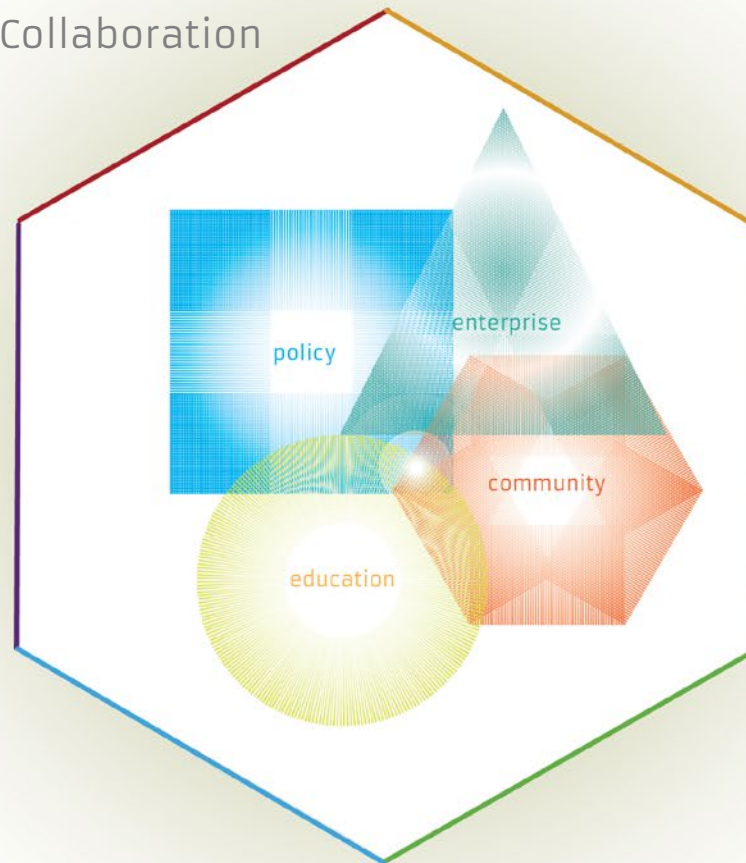
S. SYNTHESIS — From Thought to Practice: Living the Relation

The Me-We-World framework grows from philosophy into practice like a living organism — rooted in awareness, nourished by relation, expressed through action. Its movement unfolds through three concentric layers: Philosophy (thinking within life), Ethics (the practice of resonance), and Collaboration (relation as infrastructure). Together they articulate a central ethic: to transform separation into relation, and information into empathy.

Philosophy ———→ Ethics ———→ Collaboration

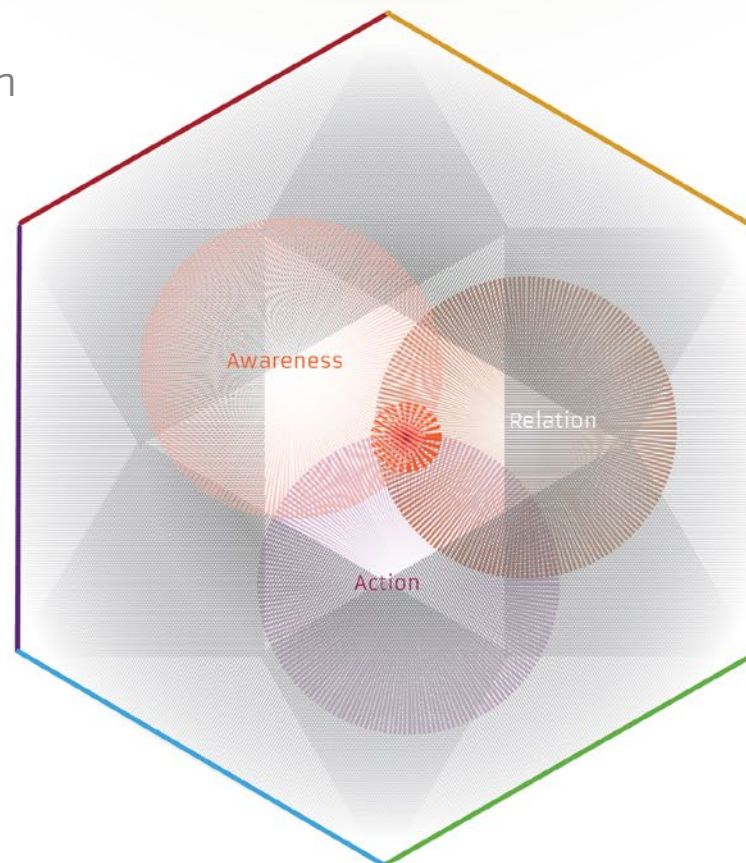
Living Ecosystem of Practice

— A Breathing Field of Collaboration

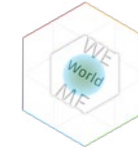


Art as Social Practice

— Awareness = Action



7. INVITATION – Towards the Future



As technology seeks to redefine humanity, **Me-We-World invites humanity to redefine technology** — not as destiny, but as **medium**. The invitation is to perceive differently: **to see relation itself as the space where future systems can grow**.

7.1 A Growing Ecosystem of Practice

Me-We-World is not an organisation but a living ecosystem. It expands and contracts like a **breathing field of collaboration** — a network where people can step in and out according to **curiosity, capacity and timing**. Within this evolving landscape, **four communities of practice meet and learn**: policymakers, sustainable entrepreneurs, educators and learners, and community builders.

7.2 Expertise and Co-Creation

The ecosystem builds on **strengths already present** — from **Lean practitioners like Machiel Tesser**, to **Warm Data perspectives inspired by Nora Bateson**, and **design-based transformation methods developed within ArtMotivator Studio**. As it grows, **new voices are invited**: philosophers, educators, technologists, systems thinkers, artists and facilitators. The goal is not **consensus**, but **coherence**.

7.3 Technology and the Human Condition

Me-We-World approaches technology with open eyes and open hands. Tools such as **Blockchain, AI and other decentralised systems** are seen not as ends in themselves, **but as opportunities to experiment with trust, transparency and shared value**. MWW seeks to weave human and nonhuman knowledge — **sensing how data, energy and ecology can participate in new forms of meaningmaking**.

Every balance is provisional: each choice is contextual, a temporary alignment in a field of dualities.

We do not stand opposite technology, but opposite our own inability to perceive our participation in it.

Once we recognise that participation, technology ceases to be an instrument and becomes a mirror — teaching us again what it means to be in the world.

— after Th.C.W. Oudemans (adapted for technology)

7.4 Art as Social Practice — Awareness as Action

Within **Me-We-World**, art is not an accessory to social innovation — it is the space where **awareness becomes practice**. As a social practice, art reminds us that **transformation begins long before solutions appear**. Every conversation, every canvas, every experiment in the MWW ecosystem is **an artwork in process** — a **collective attempt to perceive differently**. **Awareness itself is action; reflection is participation**.

7.5 Call to Collaboration

We invite **policymakers, entrepreneurs, educators, community weavers and curious human beings** to participate in this **living field**. Join us in building a **regenerative culture of relation**, where **imagination becomes infrastructure and ethics becomes everyday practice**. Whether you enter for a project, a dialogue or a season of learning, you become part of a larger **experiment**: a world that learns to think, feel and act together.

Afterword | A Relation in Motion

There is no final version of Me-We-World.

It moves as we move between clarity and confusion, action and rest, Me and We. Every framework we draw is temporary, every conclusion a pause in a living dialogue.

This whitepaper is not a doctrine but a constellation of invitations to reflect, to imagine, and to relate more consciously with the worlds we inhabit.

We live in an age that celebrates certainty, yet what we most need is sensitivity.

Awareness itself is the quiet technology of transformation.

It reminds us that no system stands apart from its observer, and no human stands apart from the field of life.

Me-We-World continues as a living artwork shaped by those who enter, those who leave, and by the invisible relations that hold us together in between.

To live within this field is to practise attention to see complexity not as chaos but as the rhythm of being alive.

Here, design becomes care, and care becomes knowledge.

Even within what Oudemans calls the casino of nature, we remain players in a game without a master thrown among chance and pattern, difference and repetition.

We cannot control the rules, but we can choose how we play: with awareness instead of arrogance, with humility instead of fear.

In this, attention itself becomes our wager and care, the only stake that matters.

Epiloog — Knowledge as Care

We live within the game of life

unpredictable, indifferent, yet alive with possibility.

Me-We-World invites us not to master this game but to play with awareness:

to see relation itself as the ground of meaning.

Every act of care becomes a gesture of knowledge;

every moment of attention, a form of creation.

Even in the casino of nature,

our only true stake is how we choose to participate with curiosity, humility, and love for what exceeds us.

Knowledge as care — the world becoming aware of itself through us.



From Indifference → to Awareness → to Care