

An illustration of a person with dark skin, wearing a straw hat with a red band, a green t-shirt, and blue shorts. They are holding a thin vine with small leaves. Above them is a large, stylized branch with many green leaves. The background is white with some small dark dots.

Welcome to Radical Imagination: Reinventing Food Systems Through Abolition and Mutual Aid!

Introductions

01 Name

02 Pronouns (if comfortable)

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Where are you calling in from?

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In the spirit of imagination, if you could be anywhere, do anything, with no worries or limitations, what would you do/where would you be?

Community Agreements

Compassion: hold space for listening and empathy

Humble: take risks, embrace mistakes

Accountability: respect others, take responsibility for actions

Natural: be yourself, use “I” statements

Grounding: be present, self-care

Educating: ourselves & each other



Contextualizing Radical Imagination

How would you say society treats, views, talks about dreaming and the imagination?

What factors contribute to this social view (ex: expectations of adulthood, capitalism, culture, etc...)?

What messaging have you internalized about your own dreams?

How do you treat your dreams?



History of Radical Imagination



"You have to act as if it were possible to radically transform the world. And you have to do it all the time."

-Angela Davis

Warming Up Our Radical Imagination: Scenario

Marie is a young person who lives with her roommate Jonathan in an apartment complex. One morning, their roommate Jonathan went to grab a glass of tap water from the kitchen sink. Upon turning on the faucet, Jonathan notices that the water is a disgusting reddish-brown. Marie is shocked and goes to check the water in other places in her apartment. The water in her shower, etc... are all clearly contaminated. Marie and Jonathan visit their neighbors to ask if they are experiencing the same problems, and it turns out their whole apartment has an unsafe, unclean water problem. Furious and confused, Marie contacts the building management on behalf of their neighbors. The building management says that the whole city is facing a contaminated water problem due to failed city infrastructure and corporate pollution, and does nothing to help the tenants.

Groups: Identify key issues within the situation. What immediate solutions and steps come to mind? What are some solutions that you've seen, heard of, experienced? Write these on the next slide.

Scenario Problems



Scenario Solutions



Guiding our Radical Imaginations

- **Identify the key issue(s) within the situation.**
 - What immediate solutions and steps come to mind?
 - What are solutions that you've seen, heard of, experienced?
- **Envision your dream world and remember your own values.**
 - What does the world you want to live in look like?
 - How can you, through this individual situation, take steps to get closer to that vision?
- **Identify the root(s) of the issue.**
 - What societal institutions, ideologies, histories are helping to cause the problem?
 - What are some ideas, no matter how big, to fix it at its origin?
 - What are ways to revolutionize the scenario?
 - What in our world needs to change to prevent this from happening again?



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Scenario Solutions: Big Picture

Utilizing healthy soil to filter contaminated water :o

Reinforcing the idea that water is a human right, and should be owned by the people

Build city wide rain catch infrastructure

More pollution = more taxes for corporations

International system that great technology isnt patented - open source

Community action to create a neighborhood sustainable alternative to public water (well, collecting rain water)

Communal living -- ensuring people are comfortable reaching out to neighbors/are tapped into community

ABOLISH SYSTEMS OF POWER
ESTABLISH SYSTEMS OF COMMUNITY

City works with water protectors to find sustainable solutions

All solutions funded by industrial polluters (now no longer operating)

Early edu/edu in general about where water in your town comes from so we feel more agency/stewardship/care for where resources we utilize come from

Water sharing resource with stipend incentive for community

Guarantee safe and free housing for all

Resources on every other corner to purify efficiently

No competition , scarcity

No companies

Everyone have rainwater retention/capture vessels so you have a stockpile of clean water

Fresh fruit stands ,exotic and hydrating fruit free for all.

Water is a free +abundant resource

We have gardens in our community

We travel as we see fit because it is affordable and accessible

Applying Radical Imagination to Food Systems

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Feeling “too much”, being “too soft”, dreaming “too big” in a world where our minds and bodies are violently constrained by capitalism and colonialism is perhaps the deepest act of love for this universe, and for one another.

Thank you for joining F2P’s workshop! <3