

# 178 Related Fields of Activity

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## Introduction

This writer has identified 178 fields of activity related to the collaborative problem solving, community peacebuilding, ecological sustainability, community education, and cultural sustainability efforts he advocates most strongly for to resolve the convergence of unprecedented challenges which now exists. Crowdsourcing efforts would surely result in a much longer list; however this list should be sufficient to suggest that we--collectively--have the knowledge and wisdom to create, support, and sustain communities which can keep global warming below 1.5°C (2.7°F), minimize resource requirements, maintain ecological sustainability, maintain a high level of compassion for fellow human beings--and which represent what a significant majority of community residents surveyed would describe as a high quality of life.

Specifically, this writer advocates for 1000 Community Visioning Initiatives (CVIs) supported by many Neighborhood Learning Centers (NLCs), as part of the unprecedented cultural transformation necessary to cut Greenhouse Gas Emissions nearly in half by 2030, so that Global Warming will remain below 1.5°C (2.7°F) (see Note 1 in Appendix for a visualization of what this means).

Community Visioning Initiatives are a series of community meetings designed to maximize citizen participation in identifying challenges, and solution-oriented activity. Neighborhood Learning Centers are multi-purpose support centers for implementing Community Visioning Initiatives, meeting places, workshop centers, and part of low cost lifelong learning education system. Colleges, universities assisting with carrying out local Community Visioning Initiatives + many supporting Neighborhood Learning Centers = an exponential increase in solution-oriented activity.

These 178 fields of activity are examples of topics which can be explored through workshops at Neighborhood Learning Centers. Many educational resources can be shared in Neighborhood Learning Centers, resulting in maximum educational benefits for minimum cost. In addition, if readers consider the number of organizations, initiatives, and individuals associated with efforts in these fields of activity, they will likely share this writers' view that there are countless number of “things people can do in the everyday circumstances of their lives” which will contribute to peacebuilding, community revitalization, and ecological sustainability efforts, in our own communities and regions—and in other parts of the world.

## 178 Related Fields of Activity

1. Adult Literacy
2. Agrarian Reform
3. Agroforestry
4. Alleviating Hunger
5. Alternative Gifts
6. Apprenticeship Training
7. Appropriate Technology
8. Aquaculture
9. Barter Networks
10. Big Brothers-Big Sisters (Mentoring)
11. Bio-Char
12. Biodiversity Preservation
13. Biological Sewage Treatment Systems
14. Car Sharing
15. Car-Free Zones
16. Carbon Neutral/Carbon Negative
17. Carrying Capacity
18. Child Sponsorship
19. Circular Economy
20. Citizen Peacebuilding
21. Civic Responsibility
22. Co-Housing
23. Collaborative Problem Solving
24. Communication Skills
25. Community Banks
26. Community Development
27. Community Economics
28. Community Education
29. Community Gardens
30. Community Good News Networks
31. Community Journals
32. Community Land Trusts
33. Community Membership Agreements
34. Community Organizing
35. Community Peacebuilding
36. Community Philanthropy
37. Community Revitalization
38. Community Revolving Loans
39. Community Service Work
40. Community Supported Agriculture
41. Community Supported Manufacturing
42. Community Visioning Initiatives
43. Compassion
44. Composting
45. Composting Toilets
46. Cooperation
47. Cradle To Cradle Production Design
48. Crowdfunding
49. Crowdsourcing
50. Cultural Diversity
51. Cultural Regeneration
52. Decision Making Processes
53. Disease Control
54. Divest/Invest
55. Ecological Footprint Analysis
56. Ecological Sustainability
57. Economic Conversion
58. Ecovillages
59. Edible Schoolyards
60. Emergency Humanitarian Aid

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| 61. Emergency Medical Assistance                          | 91. Intentional Communities  |
| 62. Employment Training (esp. Transitional)               | 92. Interfaith Dialogue  |
| 63. Energy Conservation                                   | 93. Interfaith Peace Vigils  |
| 64. Energy Descent Pathways                               | 94. Interfaith Peacebuilding   |
| 65. Energy Returned On Energy Invested (EROEI)            | 95. Intergenerational Projects   |
| 66. Energy Storage Systems                                | 96. Justice  |
| 67. Fair Trade  | 97. Kindness   |
| 68. Faith   | 98. Lifelong Education   |
| 69. Faith Mentoring                                       | 99. Local Exchange Trading System (LETS)                                     |
| 70. Farmers Markets                                       | 100. Local Community Points of Entry   |
| 71. Food Autonomy   | 101. Local Currency  |
| 72. Food Co-ops   | 102. Locally Based Food Processing   |
| 73. Food Security   | 103. Locally Grown Food  |
| 74. Food Sovereignty                                      | 104. Locally Made/Hand Crafted   |
| 75. Forgiveness   | 105. Locally Sourced Materials   |
| 76. Gender Equality                                       | 106. Low Impact Transport Systems  |
| 77. Geothermal Energy                                     | 107. Mediation   |
| 78. Green Purchasing                                      | 108. Meditation  |
| 79. Green Retrofitting                                    | 109. Meeting Facilitation  |
| 80. Hard Work   | 110. Mentoring   |
| 81. Heirloom Seed Preservation                            | 111. Microfinance  |
| 82. Holistic Education                                    | 112. Microgeneration   |
| 83. Holistic Health Care                                  | 113. Microgrids  |
| 84. Honesty   | 114. Natural Building Materials  |
| 85. Homesteading  | 115. Neighbor to Neighbor Community<br>Education (in newspapers/newsletters) |
| 86. Human Rights  | 116. Neighborhood Learning Centers   |
| 87. Hydropower  | 117. Neighborhood Revitalization   |
| 88. Impact Investing                                      | 118. Non-Violent Conflict Resolution   |
| 89. Indicators (Carbon Neutral/<br>Renewable/Sustainable) | 119. Organic Farming   |
| 90. Inspiring Role Models                                 |  |

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| 120. Patience                                     | 151. Spiritual Friendships                          |
| 121. Peace Education                              | 152. Spiritually Responsible Investing              |
| 122. Peace Returned On Energy Invested<br>(PROEI) | 153. Sustainable Design                             |
| 123. Permaculture                                 | 154. Sustainable Health Care                        |
| 124. Perseverance                                 | 155. Swadeshi                                       |
| 125. Plant-Based Protein                          | 156. Swales   |
| 126. Positive News                                | 157. Sympathetic Resonance                          |
| 127. Prayer                                       | 158. Tai Chi  |
| 128. Preventative Health Care                     | 159. Time Banks                                     |
| 129. Questionnaires/Surveys                       | 160. Tipping Points (both positive and<br>negative) |
| 130. Rain Catchment                               | 161. Transition Towns                               |
| 131. Reconciliation                               | 162. Trust  |
| 132. Recycling (Reduce, Re-use, Recycle)          | 163. Urban Agriculture                              |
| 133. Regenerative Agriculture                     | 164. Vegetarian/Vegan Nutrition                     |
| 134. Relocalization                               | 165. Vertical Farming                               |
| 135. Renewable Energy                             | 166. Village Industries/Cottage Industries          |
| 136. Resilience                                   | 167. Village Support Centers                        |
| 137. Right Livelihood                             | 168. Violence Prevention                            |
| 138. Right Livelihood Employment Listings         | 169. Voluntary Simplicity                           |
| 139. Root Causes                                  | 170. Volunteer Services                             |
| 140. School Business Partnerships                 | 171. Water Supply Management                        |
| 141. Service Learning                             | 172. Water Conservation                             |
| 142. Sister Community Relationships               | 173. Water Purification                             |
| 143. Slow Money                                   | 174. Wind Power                                     |
| 144. Small-Scale Farming                          | 175. Wisdom   |
| 145. Socially Engaged Spirituality                | 176. World Population Awareness                     |
| 146. Socially Responsible Investing               | 177. Yoga   |
| 147. Solar Energy                                 | 178. Zero Waste                                     |
| 148. Spiritual Discipline/Spiritual Practice      |   |
| 149. Spiritual Diversity (Religious Pluralism)    |   |
| 150. Spiritual Formation                          |   |

## Concluding Comments

What we need more of now are collaborative problem solving processes which help citizens understand that the investments of time, energy, and money (the “votes”) each of us make in our everyday circumstances become the larger economy. And that wisely directed, such “votes” can result in countless ways of earning a living which *contribute to—rather than impair—*the peacebuilding, community revitalization, and ecological sustainability efforts necessary to reach positive tipping points on many critical challenges at the same time. Citizens from every variety of circumstances can learn how to wisely cast such “votes”—through workshops and meetings at Neighborhood Learning Centers during a Community Visioning Initiative, and through other local learning experiences.

Creating many Neighborhood Learning Centers can provide places—in local neighborhoods—for discussion, information sharing, mutual support and encouragement, and fellowship and friendship, so that the exchanging of information and resources can make significant contributions to the process of building “close-knit” communities of people... communities with a healthy appreciation for each others strengths, communities with a well-developed capacity to resolve even the most difficult challenges—and communities which demonstrate a high level of compassion for their fellow human beings.

The result can be a deliberate increase in the “ways of earning a living” which contribute directly to cutting Greenhouse Gas Emissions in half by 2030. As the ancient Chinese proverb says: “Many hands make much work light.”

(Appendix with Note 1 is on next page)

## Appendix

### Note 1

The unprecedented cultural transformation necessary to cut Greenhouse Gas Emissions nearly in half by 2030, so that Global Warming will remain below 1.5°C (2.7°F) will likely be understood more clearly by access to the following tweet (with accompanying graph) [by Glen Peters, Research Director at the Center for International Climate Research (CICERO), in Oslo, Norway].

Glen Peters @Peters\_Glen Oct 12 (2018)

According to #SR15, pathways with limited overshoot of 1.5°C require global net CO<sub>2</sub> emissions to decline by ~45% from 2010 levels by 2030 (40–60% interquartile), reaching net zero around 2050 (2045–2055 interquartile), & go negative thereafter (my estimate).

This is not easy...

