

Personal Reflection – August 5, 2021

Evolution

As I chat with friends while producing the podcast series [Simply True](#), and as I met a wide range of friends on the glorious birthday Zoom gathering on June 30th, I am reminded of the *gift of evolution*. What this community of Global Learning Partners has become was never imagined in my wildest dreams. Each step along the way was a step in this evolution: from Jubilee Popular Education Center (my house!) to Global Learning Partners to today's "company" of hard-working [staff](#), [Senior Partners](#), [Partners](#), [Certified Network](#) and independent teachers who are designing events around the world. I look on from my back porch, in awe and profound gratitude.

This evolution continues every time a professor or community organizer designs a course or a learning program, every time a group leader designs a meeting using the Design Steps, thinking of dialogue, putting silence in. Listening to learners and to her own intuition, gently waiting as a young mother finds her voice, affirming, laughing, celebrating - she recreates what [Peter Noteboom](#) calls "this *ecology* of Dialogue Education". This is happening on Zoom calls with teams led by [Valerie Uccellani](#) in New Orleans, in village meetings by Alan in Cambodia, at the Medical School by Joachim in Chile, with the Canadian Council of Churches by Peter in Canada, on the podcasts with [Meg Logue](#) and [Rebecca Kerin](#). The list is endless, *and you are in it!*

Dialogue Education (the ecology!) is growing daily and is evolving as teachers and leaders use it in their own unique context. This ecology is not a compilation of ideas, but a live and lusty "company" of people, each a catalyst of this evolution. We do not know what we shall become; we do know "the purpose is peace".

--Jane Vella