

Personal Reflection – October 7, 2021

It Takes a Village...

...to raise an old lady! My “village” is a widespread love-community! I am blessed, indeed in this *chosen family*. Love and laughter coming at me from Canada, New Orleans, Australia, South Africa, Chile, Indonesia, Spain and around the world!

Hooray for ZOOM, the gift of the Internet, podcasts and blogs, and the growing ecology of Dialogue Education! I celebrate the determination and energy of the Board, staff and Certified Network of Global Learning Partners. Wow!

Hope is a memory of the future; the philosopher tells us. I have a daring hope, a living memory of the enduring work of this Dialogue Education community in the world. Global-learning-partners, indeed.

Quantum physics teaches us that every action we take affects the whole. We experience the truth of that in our own bodies. So, when we say: “The purpose is peaceⁱ”, it is true. Each of us builds a peaceful world for our children every day by our intentional work. That work can be travelling by bus to lead a seminar, managing the company office, marketing, designing a program, writing a blog, evaluating transfer and impact behaviors with clients, or designing a new podcast series. *Anything* we do is a significant part of the whole.

My hope is for a global chosen family, a worldwide love-community using dialogue gently in all its work. A global village of learning partners. It takes a village, indeed, to create a global pandemic of caring, a pandemic of peace.

--Jane Vella

ⁱ Final sentence in *On Teaching and Learning* (2008).