

Eco-AfriKin

Solidarity Offers Solutions (S.O.S.)

Recognizing The Earth Within



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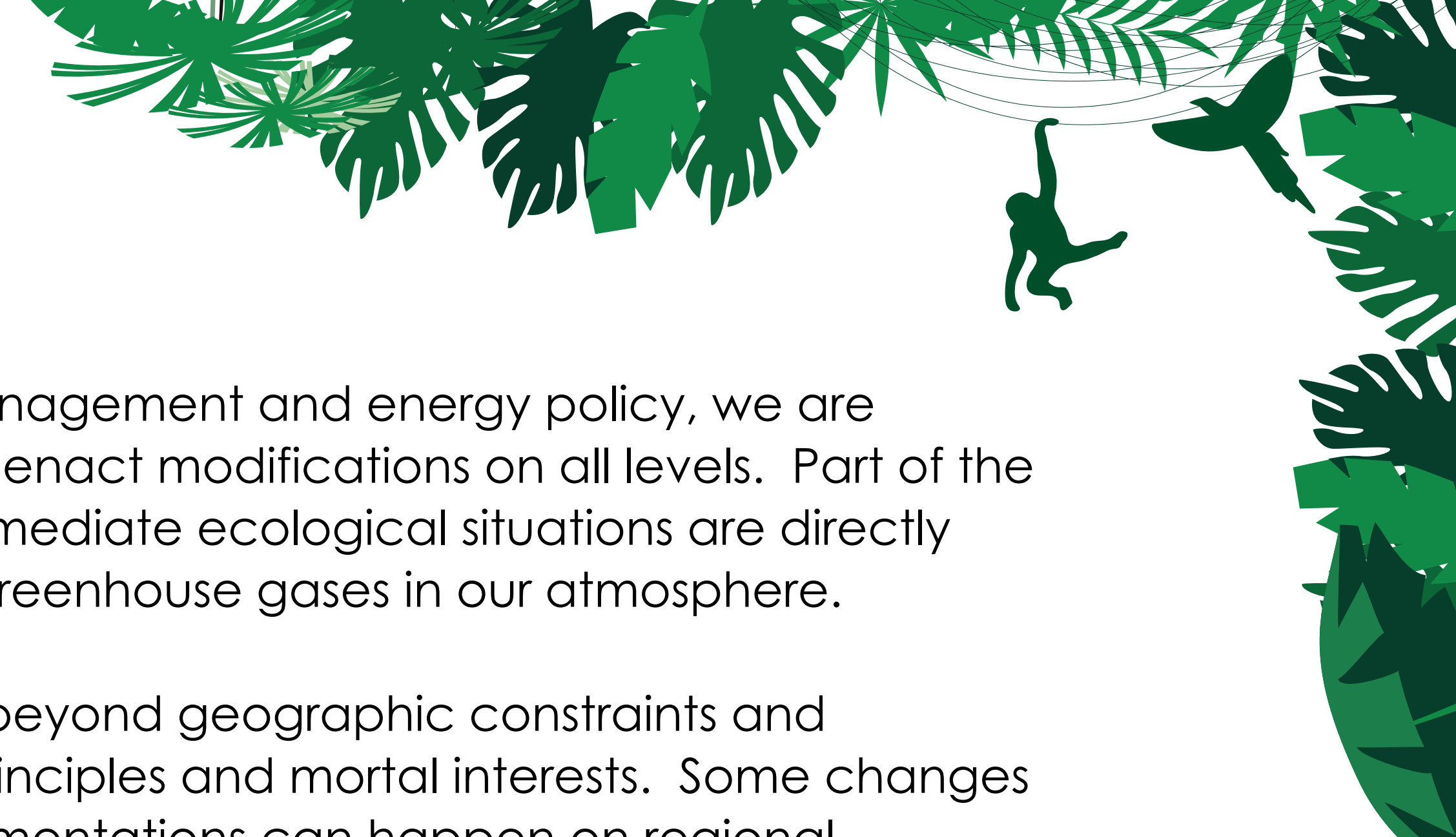


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The illustration depicts the map of Africa as a central element, filled with diverse African motifs. These include traditional masks, a djembe drum, silhouettes of dancers, and various patterns. The map is framed by lush greenery, including palm trees and large leaves at the top and bottom. A monkey is shown swinging through the branches at the top right, and a giraffe's head and neck emerge from the foliage at the bottom left. The sun is visible in the upper right corner of the map area.



By directing our attention towards climate change, resource management and energy policy, we are recognizing our current calamity and our shared responsibility to enact modifications on all levels. Part of the process includes acknowledging scientific facts and how our immediate ecological situations are directly affected by industrialization, deforestation and the increase of greenhouse gases in our atmosphere.

Eco-AfriKin strives to empower a solidarity network that reaches beyond geographic constraints and establishes relationships between individuals based on shared principles and mortal interests. Some changes will require major shifts on a multi-national scale and other implementations can happen on regional and individual scopes.


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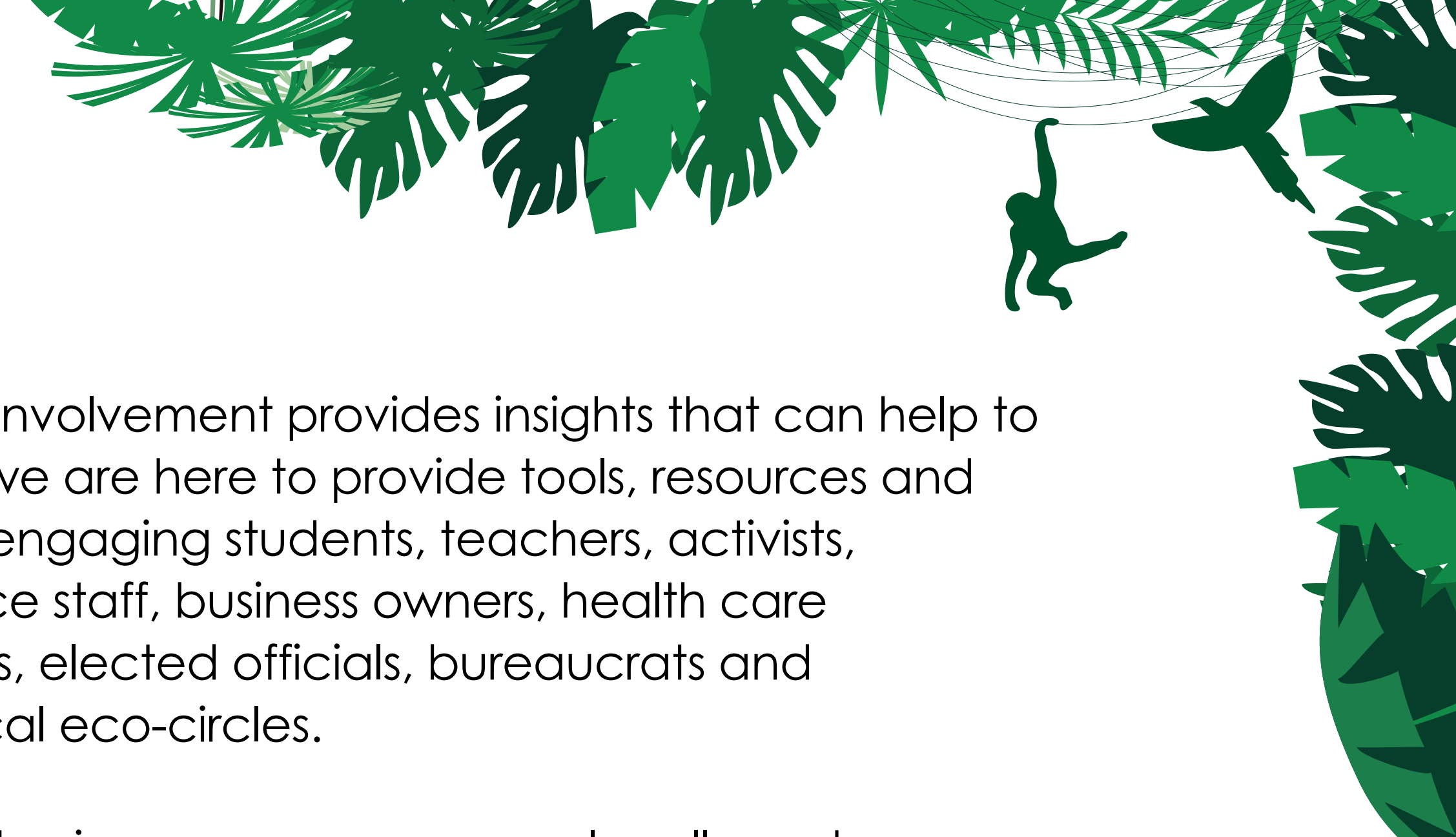
About

AfriKin is a unity movement that recognizes our shared humanity and ancestral source as a global community. AfriKin explores our historic roots in Africa and kinship as we articulate conversations that improve our collective futures. For years, AfriKin has presented a series of speaker showcases focused on social justice, individual identity, communal interaction and creative expression. Now we are stepping up and offering more.

With Eco-AfriKin, we are branching out to address environmental issues and how they impact our people. Many disenfranchised populations are directly affected by corporate policies and a lack of regulated protections or enforcement - these practices continue because we have not been able to properly address and remedy these grievances. By connecting the environmental, labor and social justice movements, we acknowledge our systemic adversaries and how the issues transcend the imposed segregation. With a unifying approach to developing solutions that enhance the quality of life while maintaining our natural resources, we strive to inspire a new way of being based on love and respect. Are you ready to become a steward for the planet?



Eco-AfriKin is an expansion of the conversations that many have been having, but now AfriKin seeks to facilitate stronger communication, recognition and resource coordination within our global movement. After witnessing decades of posturing and delayed reaction from elected officials and business leaders, we must organize and shatter the stagnation that has immobilized the unified reaction to our mutual destruction. While our different regions have distinctive ecological aspects and threats, there are common challenges that can be addressed and supported with stronger interaction.




We invite you to join us and share your unique perspectives. Your involvement provides insights that can help to guide others and inspire further positive actions. With Eco-AfriKin, we are here to provide tools, resources and opportunities based on experiences and studied observation. By engaging students, teachers, activists, community organizers, union workers, retail employees, food service staff, business owners, health care practitioners, agricultural labor, service providers, artists, performers, elected officials, bureaucrats and concerned citizens, we are expanding our outreach beyond typical eco-circles.

We are creating conduits to empower people, organizations and businesses as we engage locally and internationally with expansive grassroots pockets and governmental entities. We are calling to activate a massive uprising of people in solidarity to address climate change and resource management. This peaceful revolution will be spread by turning ideas into practical actions that improve people's lives. For far too long, we have grown to accept the pollution and destruction while being told that this is the only way, but we now have other options. With progressive proposals like the Green New Deal, we can establish a new way of being that implements a path towards a prosperous and healthy society.



Truthfully, the environmental community has been engaged for decades and many successes can be attributed to wonderful activists and organizations, but more needs to be done to bring a broader coalition together. Eco-Afrikin is a multi-generational endeavor with impending issues ahead and a narrowing window of time. We don't claim to have all of the answers, but we are here to bring people together as we work for solutions. Conversations need to include diverse representation based on respect and historic acknowledgment. We are not here to talk at people. We are here to include people. We all have something to contribute and a way to participate. We all have something to gain from a healthy Earth. Please remember, the world we save is our home!

AfriKin conveys the essence of a global movement by lifting voices and thoughts with an urgency of love in a world lacking unity. We are here to amplify the goodness and relevance of the people around the Earth as we demonstrate positive inspiration and manifestation. With a grassroots approach to community development, AfriKin breaks down divisions of borders and distance with a humanist solidarity and respect for life. At the same time, we are here to enjoy the moments together and reflect aspirations for a better tomorrow as we appreciate the vibrancy of today! By engaging with Eco-AfriKin, we are initiating the groundwork to strengthen communication, coordination, response and awareness of environmental issues and solutions. Too often activists and educators feel isolated and alone, but with a multi-faceted network of concerned AfriKins we have the ability to make a difference with direct action.



With the Eco-AfriKin workshops, we are providing opportunities for people across the world to share their experiences with those who may not be aware of dire circumstances impacting local communities. By meshing the grassroots organizers with global activists, academics, artists and progressive businesses, we are able to spotlight situations that would otherwise be overlooked. As we connect these often-separated factions of change, we enhance a dynamic spectrum of influence sparking the AfriKin evolution. Once we see ourselves as a planetary populace the segregation melts away and love leads the way forward. Eco-AfriKin is an expansive group project and we welcome your participation, feedback and insights as we grow together. The door is open - come on in!

AfriKin -- sisters and brothers rooted from the same source in human kinship. This unity opens with harmony toward peaceful solutions. This action benefits all.

With love,
AfriKin



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Overviews and Questions

Eco-Goals

Protecting the Earth is a marathon with fractal paths beaming by consciousness awakened. There are many ways to get involved and participate as a global steward. With Eco-AfriKin, we seek to support your empowerment and engagement. Part of that process is identifying your strengths, motivations, skills and assets - as well as weaknesses and ways to overcome challenges. It is important to recognize that we are all in a group project - and revitalizing the Earth and its inhabitants are the goals. We are all in this together. As AfriKin, we unite in solidarity to lift each other up and create the future we strive to see.

What do you hope to get out of the Eco-AfriKin experience?



How do you want to participate in Eco-AfriKin?



What would you consider your specialized skills and talents?



How do you connect with nature and how do you protect that region from encroachment and degradation?



As you learn about the AfriKin philosophy, how does it connect with your inspiration?



Eco-Inspiration

Working for a cause requires endurance and the ability to stretch skills to new levels. Caring opens wondrous sensations of elation, satisfaction, confusion, defeat and more, but battling through the emotional barriers brings people together. To maintain stamina and direction, it is crucial to have grounding elements in your life to help with balance. Recognizing the role of self through an activist context provides a sense of humanity within the cause - when that gets lost in the struggle, the effort loses meaning and allies drift away. As a unity movement, we need to be here to supply support for each other as people - otherwise the actions become superficial. When we affirm each other with honest essence, we strengthen the roots of solidarity to overcome any obstacles.



Who inspires you to stay active in eco-activities?



How do you avoid burn out and stay motivated?



What practices, routines and goals keep you going when you feel burnt out?



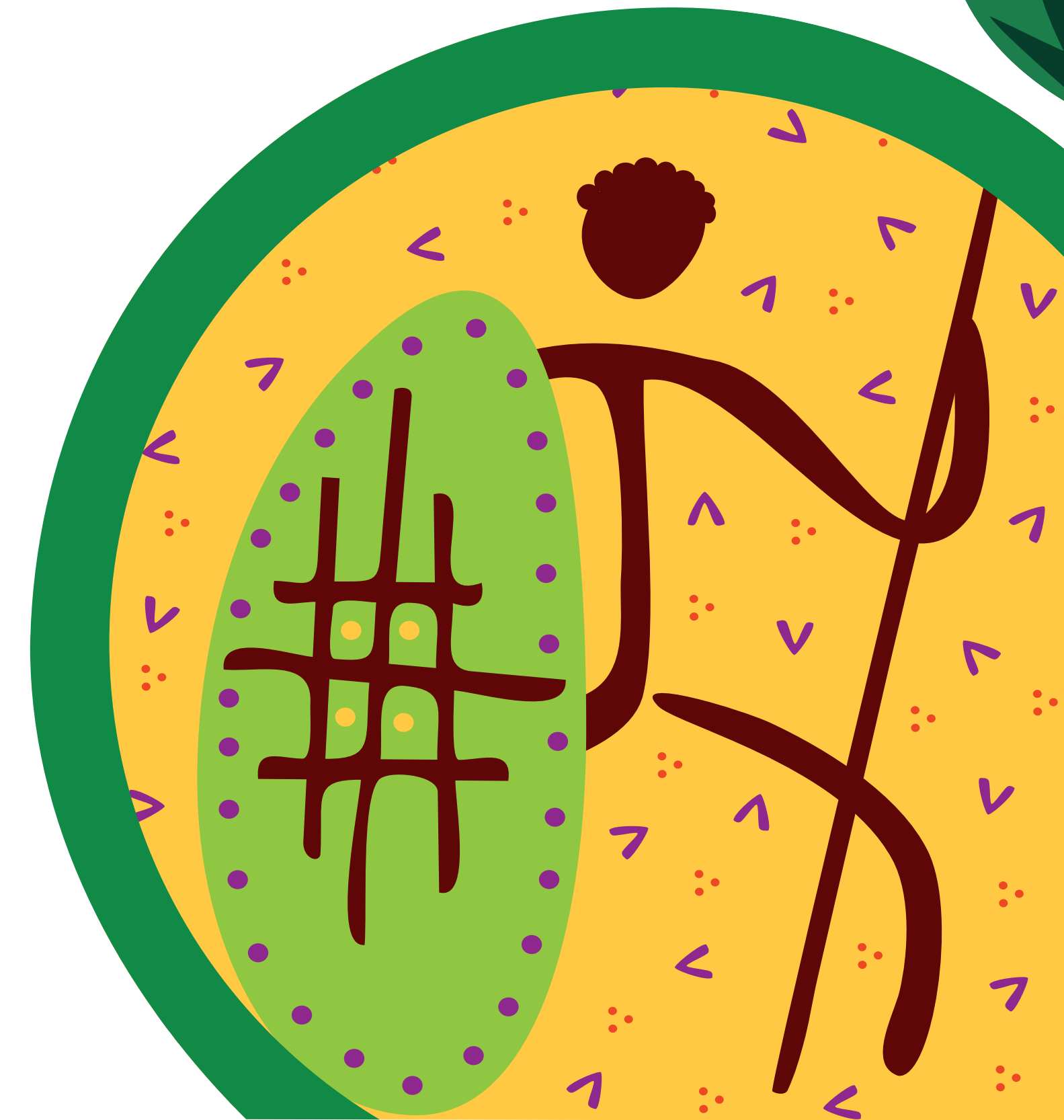
What were your earliest eco-lessons that started you on your path of community engagement?



What lessons have you learned that expanded your sense of consciousness?

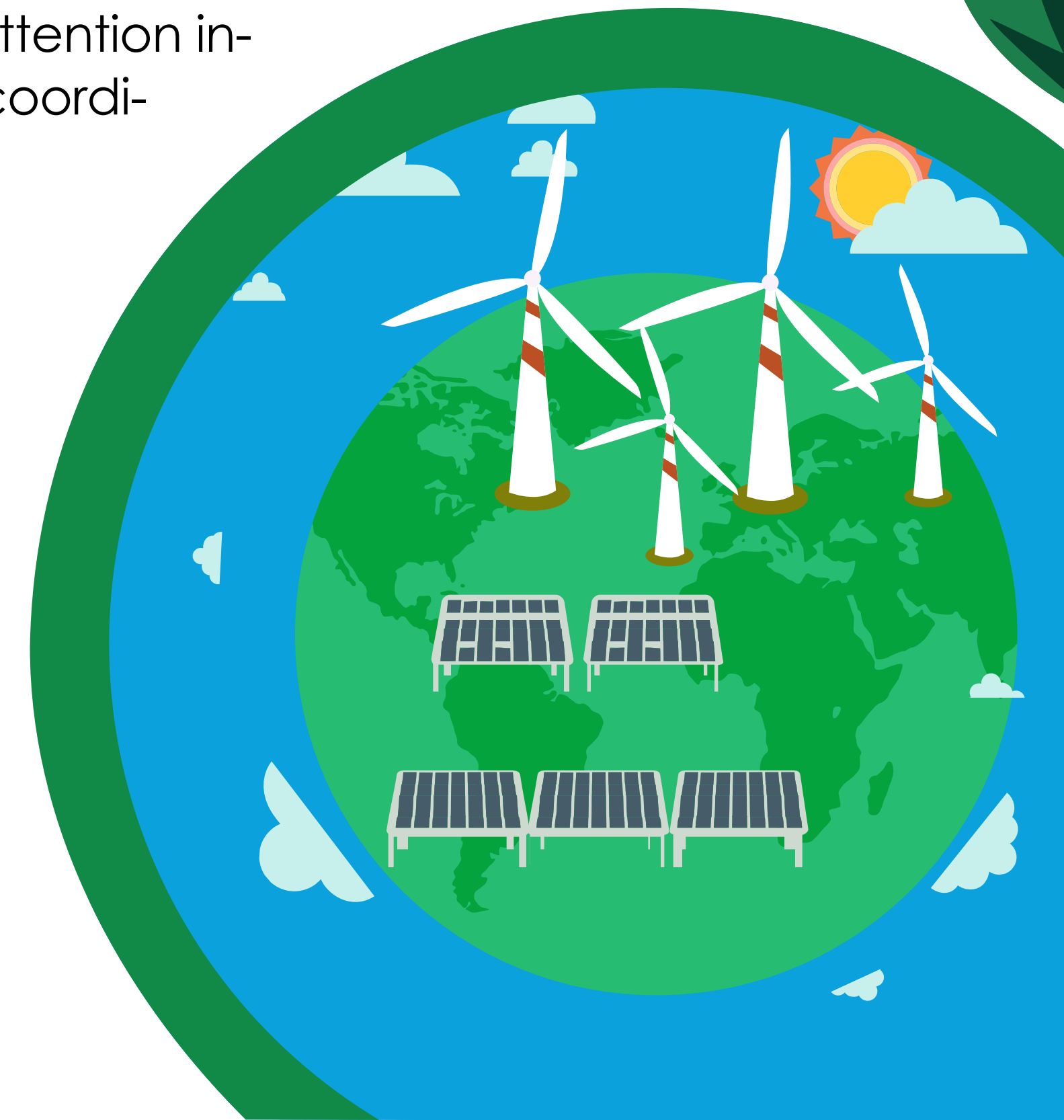


What songs, movies, images or poems inspire you ecologically?



Local Impact

While there are a wide assortment of ecological issues happening around the world that deserve more attention, it is important to recognize the conditions locally and the impacts of policies on the people in the area. Many situations are mirrored in various locations and people can learn from others to overcome similar crises. When we discover the roots of dilemmas have common adversaries, our ability to unify is strengthened with empathy and fortified by the knowledge that we are not alone in this battle. By organizing locally and tapping into global networks, efforts can be magnified with more support and attention increased when we work together. The key to success comes from the solidarity and coordination amplified with action backed by the power of an expansive community.



How are environmental changes effecting your community locally?



How can our global networks get involved to support the local efforts?



How are people charting changes to the local ecosystem and how are people adapting?



What innovations have helped the local communities?



How can these improvements be expanded to help more people within the region and beyond?

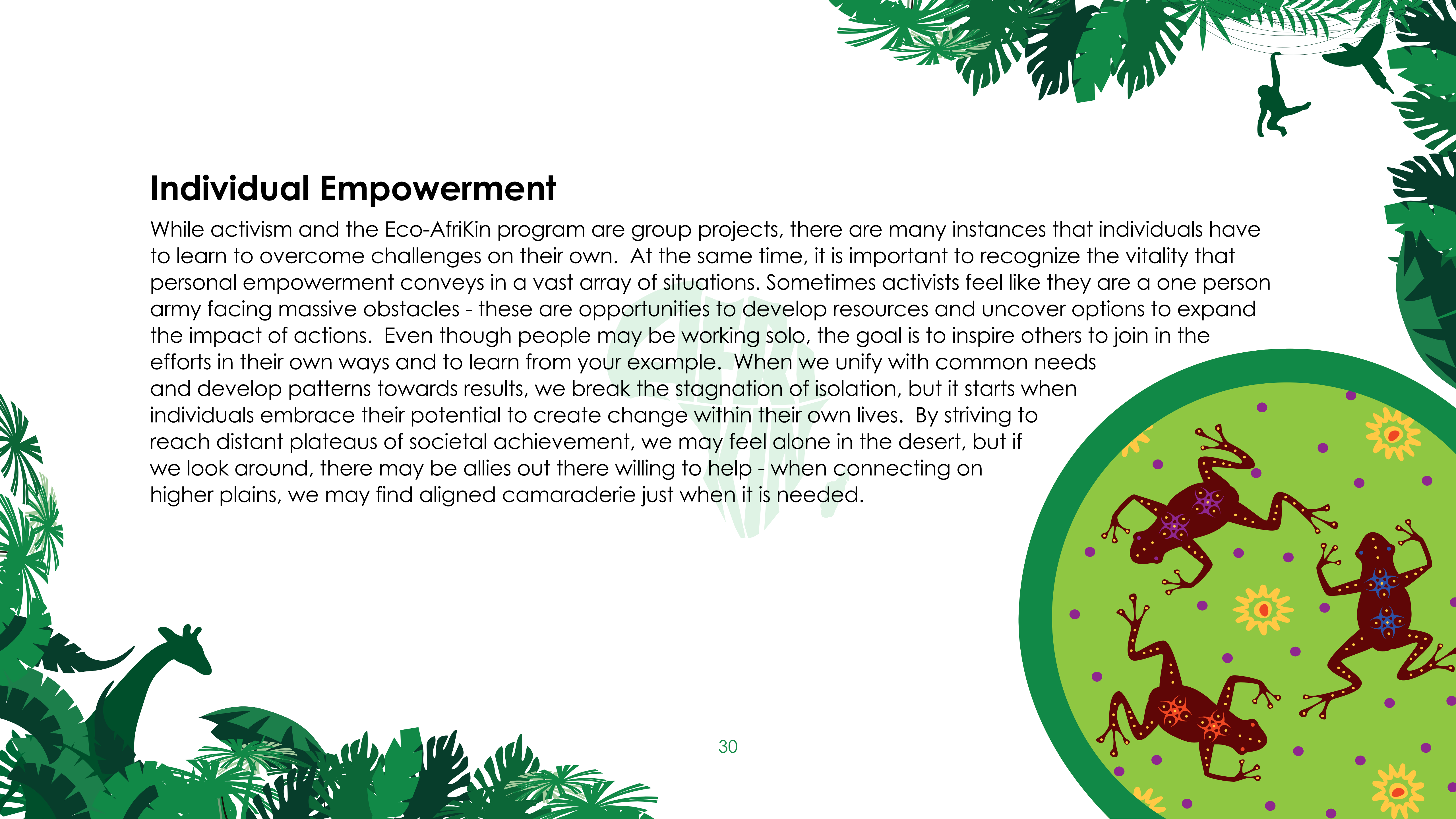


How are issues caused by policies across the world impacting your community?



Individual Empowerment

While activism and the Eco-AfriKin program are group projects, there are many instances that individuals have to learn to overcome challenges on their own. At the same time, it is important to recognize the vitality that personal empowerment conveys in a vast array of situations. Sometimes activists feel like they are a one person army facing massive obstacles - these are opportunities to develop resources and uncover options to expand the impact of actions. Even though people may be working solo, the goal is to inspire others to join in the efforts in their own ways and to learn from your example. When we unify with common needs and develop patterns towards results, we break the stagnation of isolation, but it starts when individuals embrace their potential to create change within their own lives. By striving to reach distant plateaus of societal achievement, we may feel alone in the desert, but if we look around, there may be allies out there willing to help - when connecting on higher plains, we may find aligned camaraderie just when it is needed.



What can people do individually to create an impact and expand the reform efforts?



What has the pandemic taught you about adapting to environmental and community issues?



How do you seek to improve your environmental impact within your own life?



What small changes can I make for a healthier planet overall?



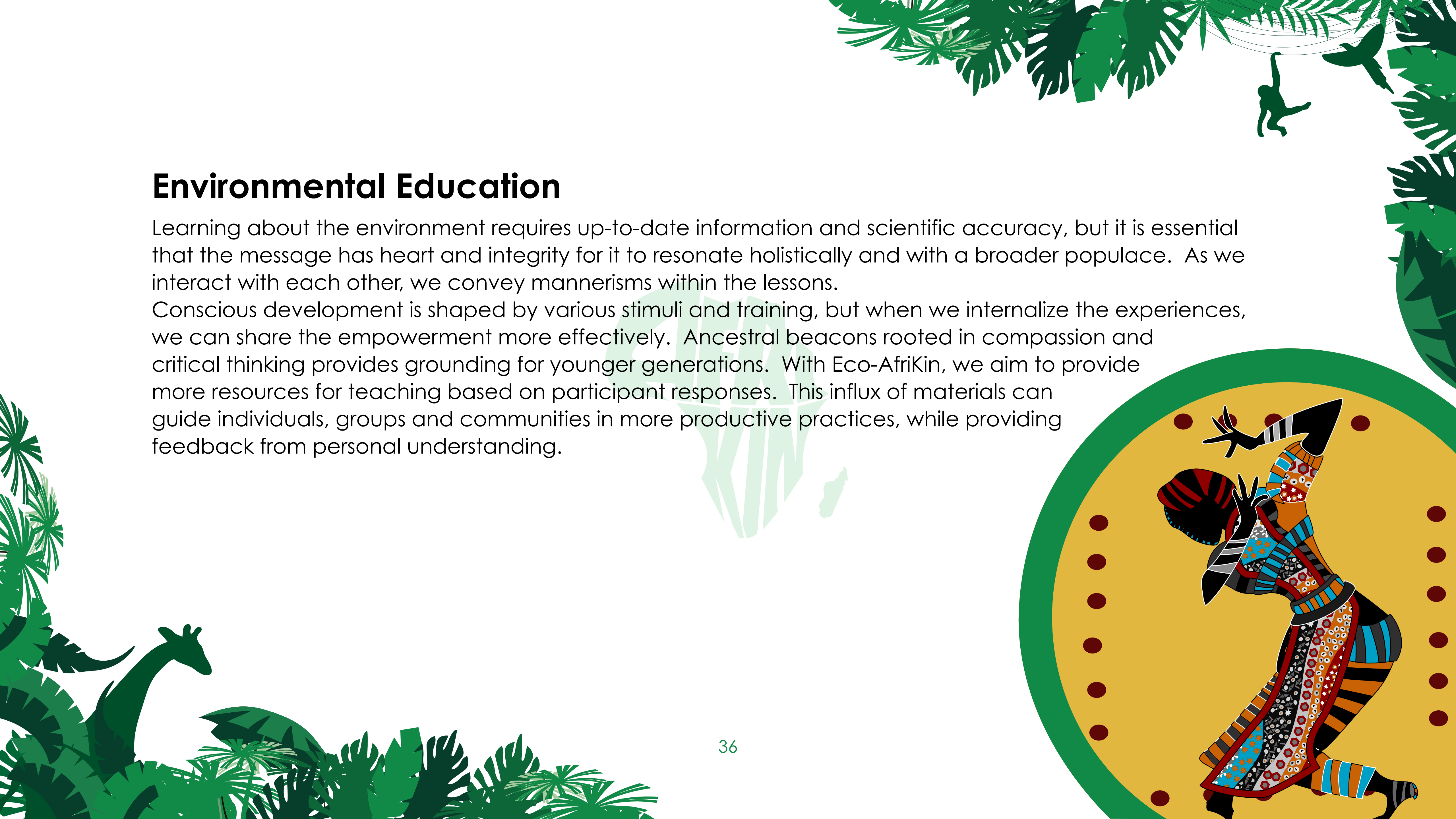
As an emerging activist, what are good ways to connect with others and participate in actions?



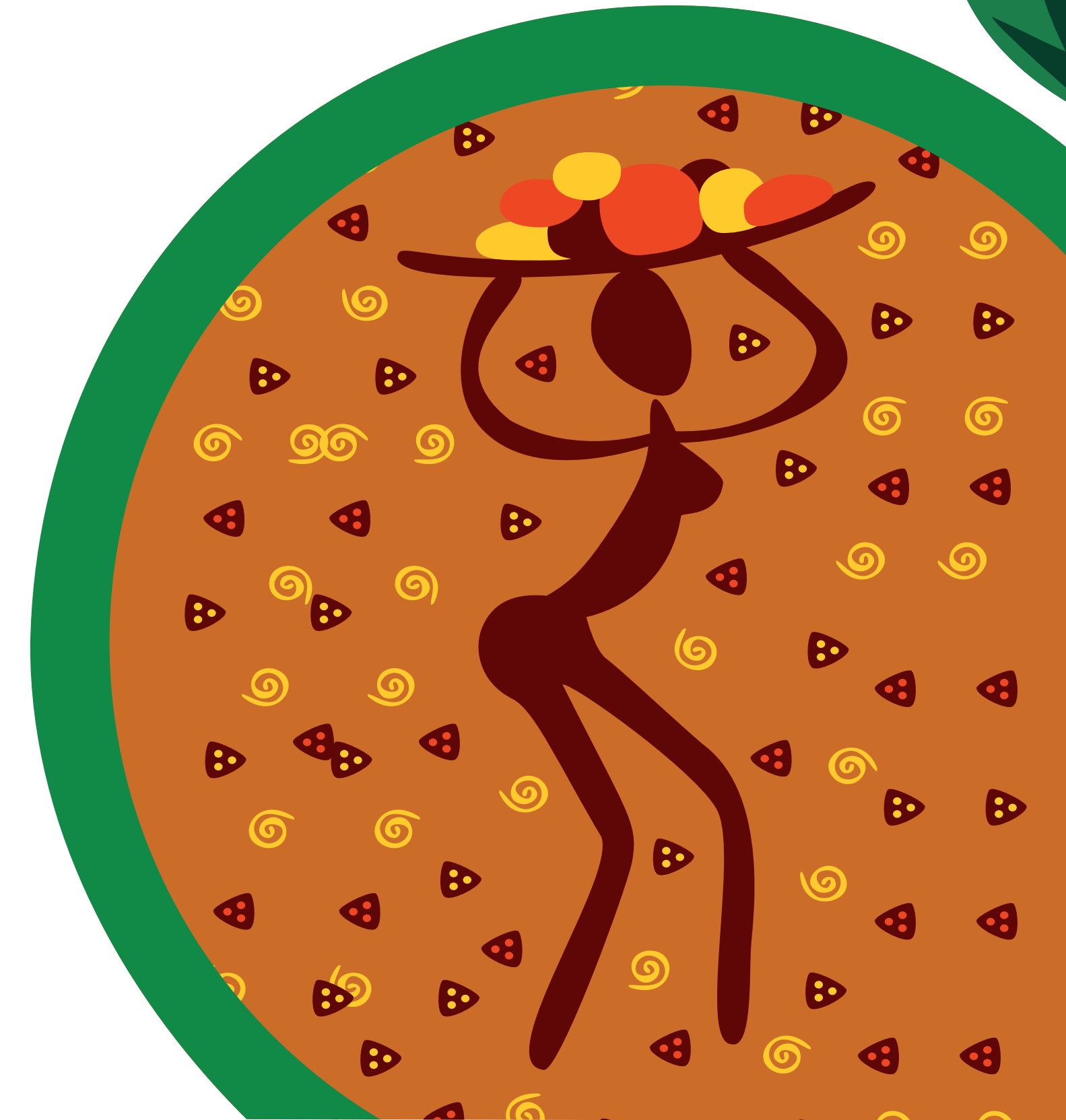
Environmental Education

Learning about the environment requires up-to-date information and scientific accuracy, but it is essential that the message has heart and integrity for it to resonate holistically and with a broader populace. As we interact with each other, we convey mannerisms within the lessons.

Conscious development is shaped by various stimuli and training, but when we internalize the experiences, we can share the empowerment more effectively. Ancestral beacons rooted in compassion and critical thinking provides grounding for younger generations. With Eco-AfriKin, we aim to provide more resources for teaching based on participant responses. This influx of materials can guide individuals, groups and communities in more productive practices, while providing feedback from personal understanding.



How have teachers and mentors guided your environmental and community awareness?



What lessons were part of your development?



How can educators empower young people on social issues if curriculum is limited?



What books or movies would you recommend to help more people learn about environmental issues?



Which teachers and authors do you find inspirational?



Who are the people who inspire you and what projects have they been involved in that caught your attention?



How have you seen environmental education expand and become more mainstream over the years?



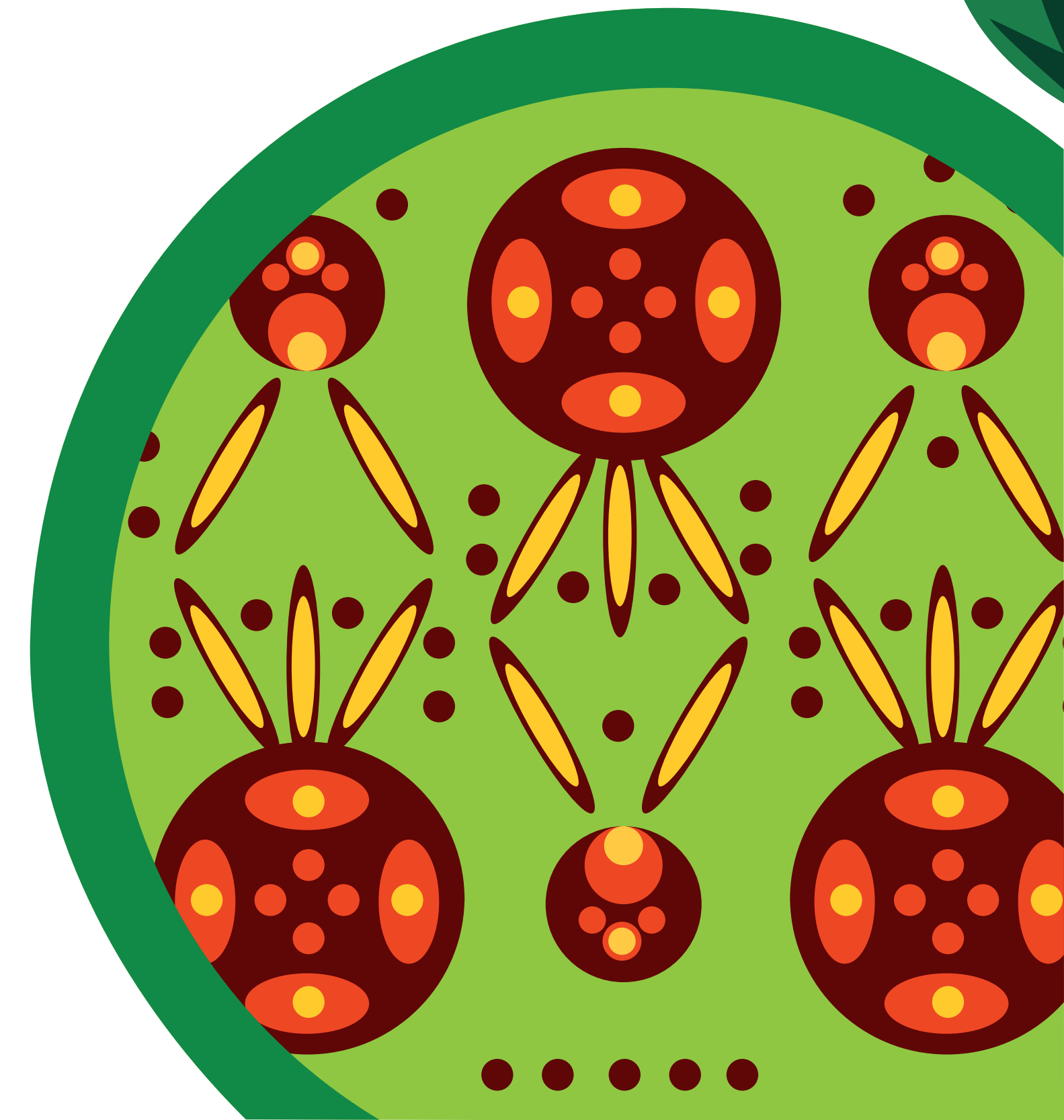
What has been the result of more environmental consciousness?



Community Engagement

Having the power and support of an active community working together changes policies. The more people are aware and involved, the deeper the solidarity resonates when approaching neighbors. It is easier to dismiss the plight of others when apathy is prevalent, but when the public is galvanized and engaged, the regressive elements are weakened. By coordinating and representing those effected by issues, we amplify voices and share their experiences with those who need to know. As we demonstrate common interests with aspirations for a better future, AfriKin lifts with unity to connect people around the globe - when we are here for each other, we make a difference when it is needed.

How can people utilize the internet to enhance communications and coordination to build up their impact on a global scale?



How can small scale community projects create connections with younger people to inspire environmental and community awareness?



How can we connect the international community in actions to help mitigate the effects of environmental damage?



How can grassroots actions build stronger community connections on a more personal level?



What are successful strategies to overcome apathy and misinformation?



Networking Outreach/Movement Growth

Due to the dire implications of climate change and eco-system collapse, time is a crucial factor as we work to mediate the ramifications occurring all around us. With a drastic breakdown looming, the progressive movement needs to expand and build numbers to create the shifts required. While like minded organizations may be hesitant to combine resources due to propriety positions, the coalition has to grow beyond these limitations and enhance strategies for mutual development by supporting each other. At the same time, activists and organizations need to establish formats to connect with the broader population - including with those who may initially be against environmental proposals. While a growing majority of people agree with progressive issues, most are not actively engaged in pushing for the horizon policies - this has to change. These are the primary challenges - and together, we must overcome!

How can the environmental community expand its outreach and activate the public?



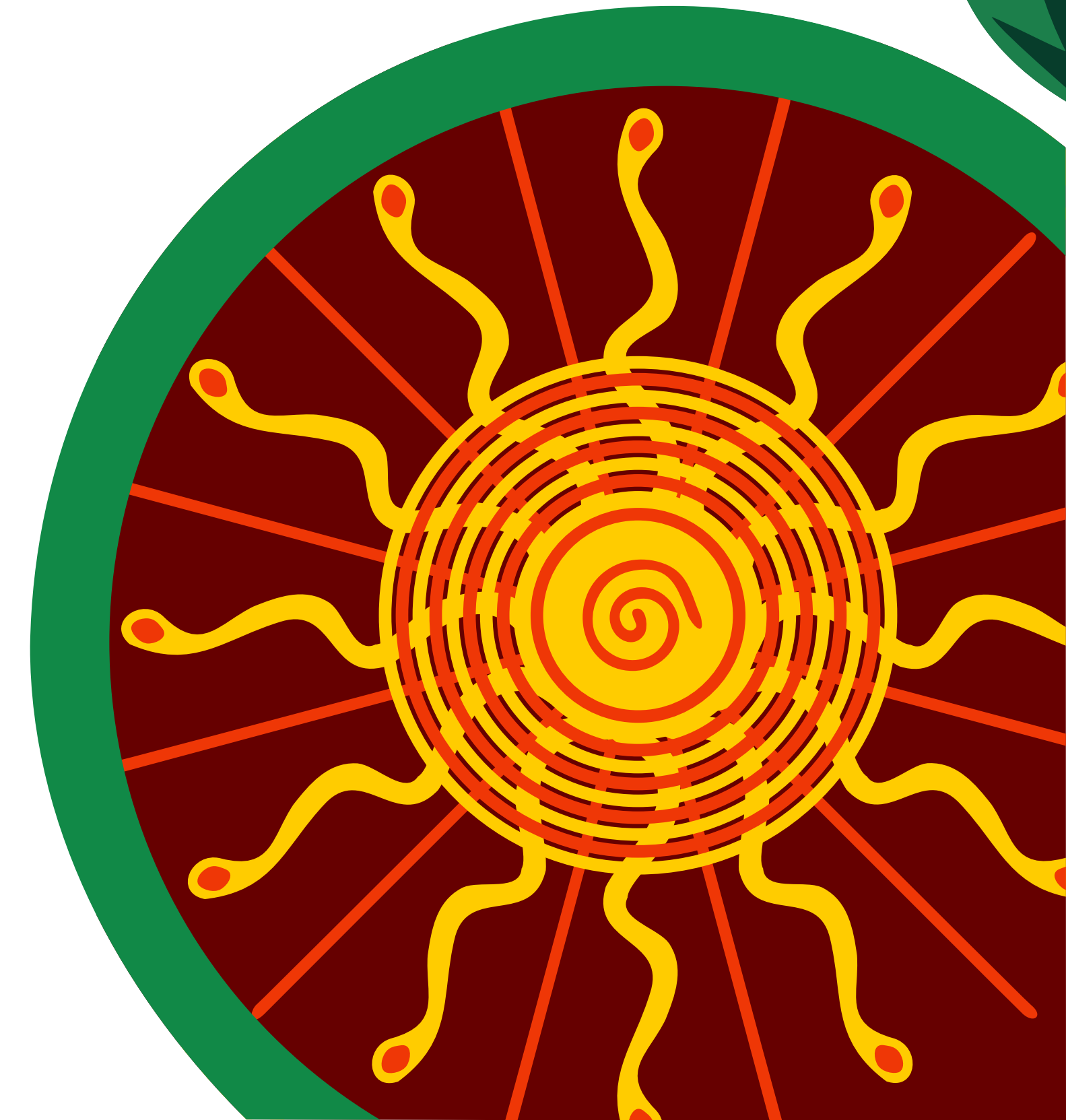
How can social justice consciousness bridge the gaps between different factions of progressive movements?



How can we create more unity and coordination between the equal rights, environmental and labor movements to get better results?



How can activists reach out to people and organizations who are not inline with progressive issues and still find common ground?



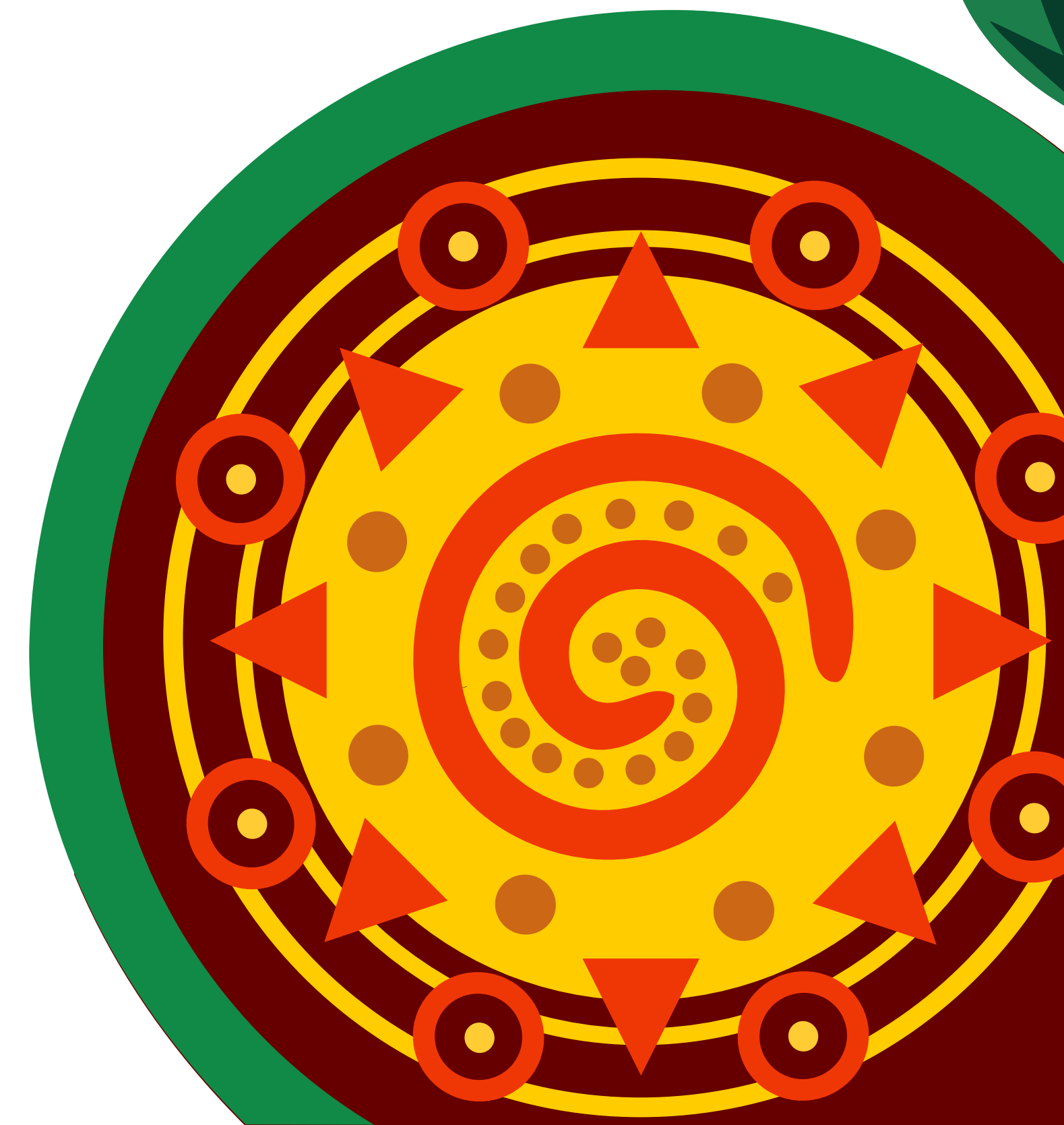
How can organizations amplify the voices of disenfranchised communities to create more results within these underserved neighborhoods?



Resource Coordination

Working as a group requires a collective mentality and a purpose of solidarity towards common goals, but the coalescence of actions and ideals is a process. The pooling of ideas and resources does offer vulnerabilities, but the potential to lift communal standards should inspire positive intent and follow through. Either as a group of individuals or with an assortment of organizations and businesses, the management of actions needs to be founded on trust and a sense of utility. Too often groups work with an insular focus and that limits the impact of success within the community and beyond. These barriers need to be overcome before we can fully embrace a unified front against the oppressors of environmental and social justice.

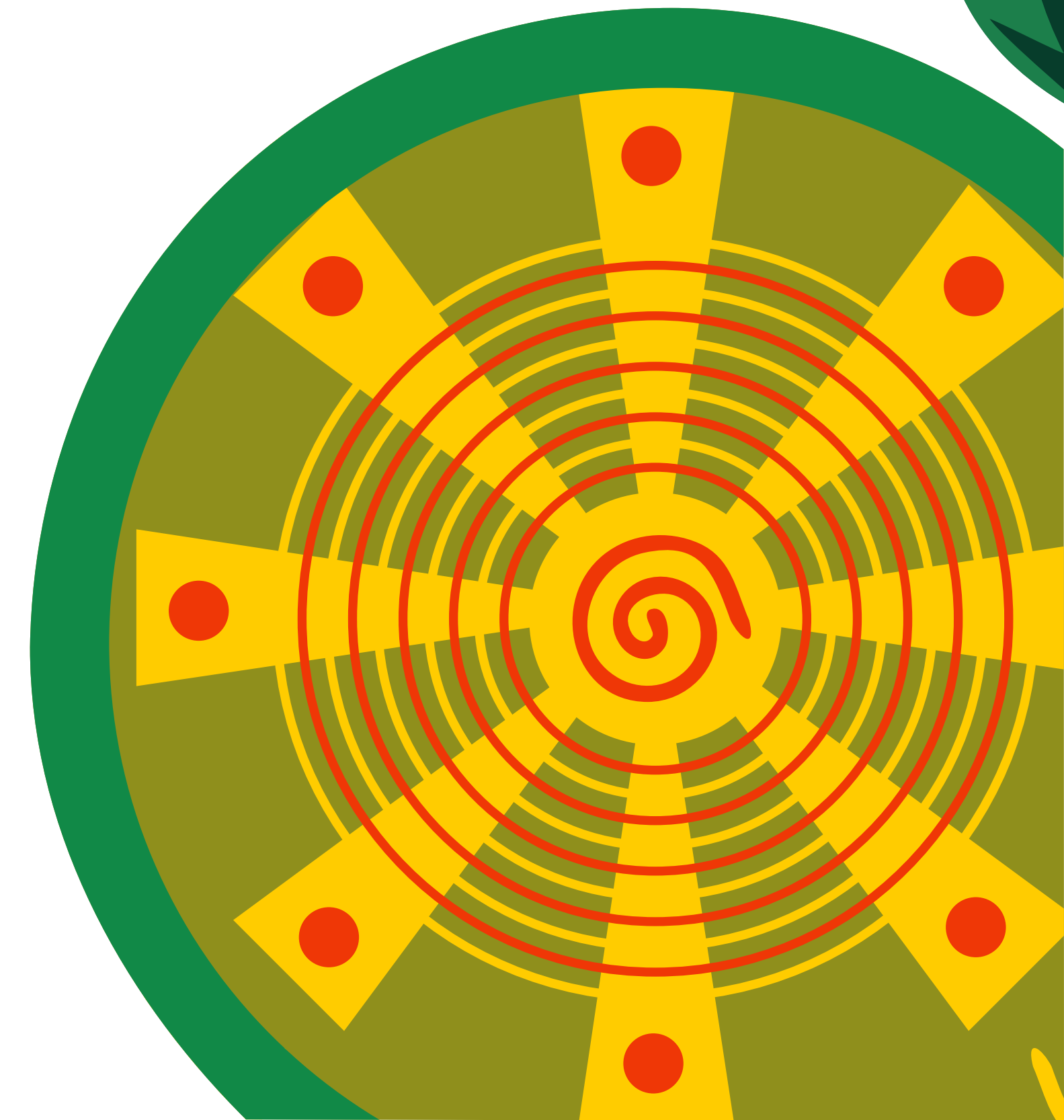
How can projects developed on a small scale expand after they prove to be beneficial?



How have successful campaigns created momentum to larger endeavors?



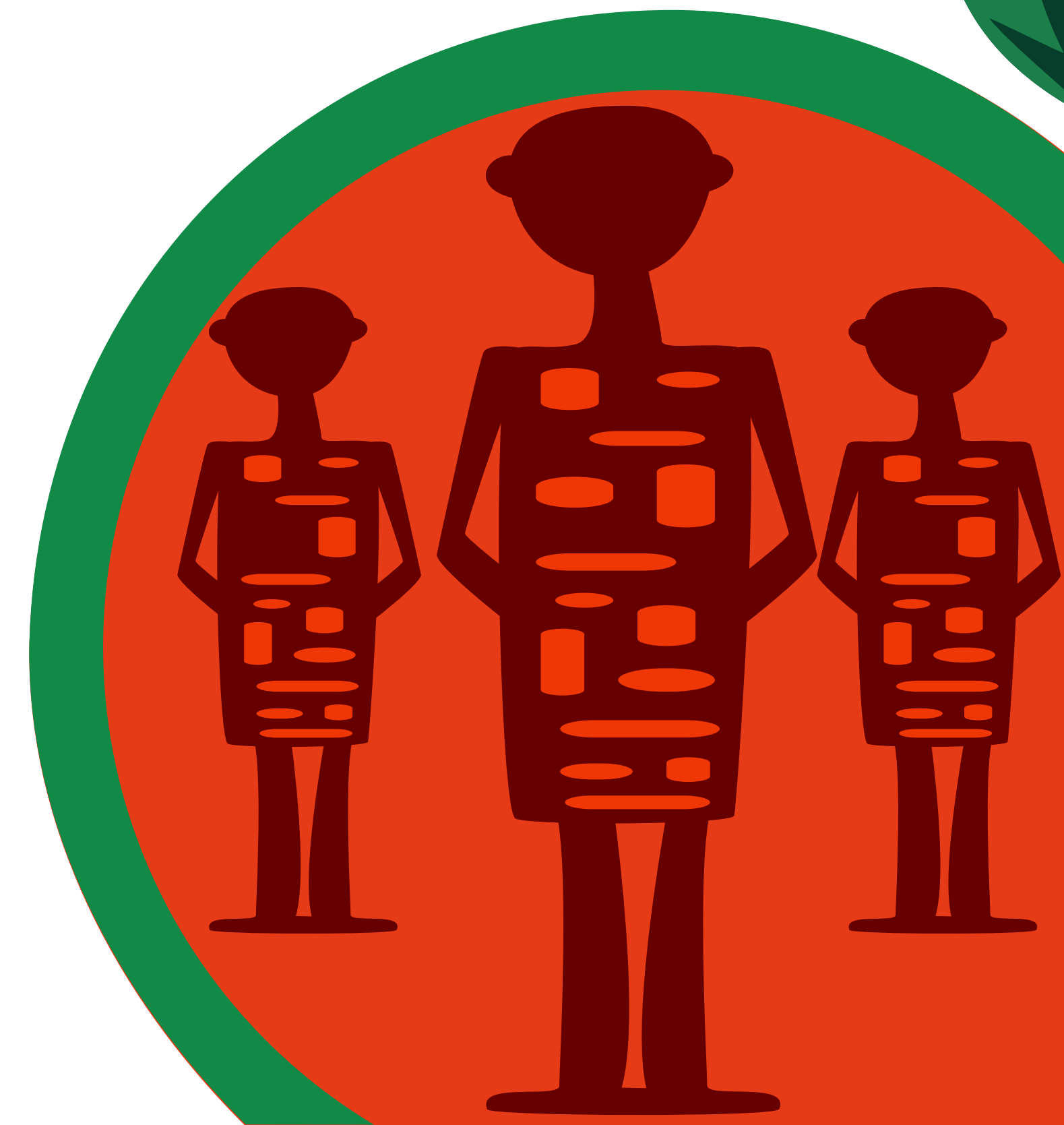
How have these victories protected nature and the people?



How can funding develop for emerging and expansive projects?



How can people power get involved in projects to expand the impact?



What are good models of collective organizing and community achievement?



Business Engagement

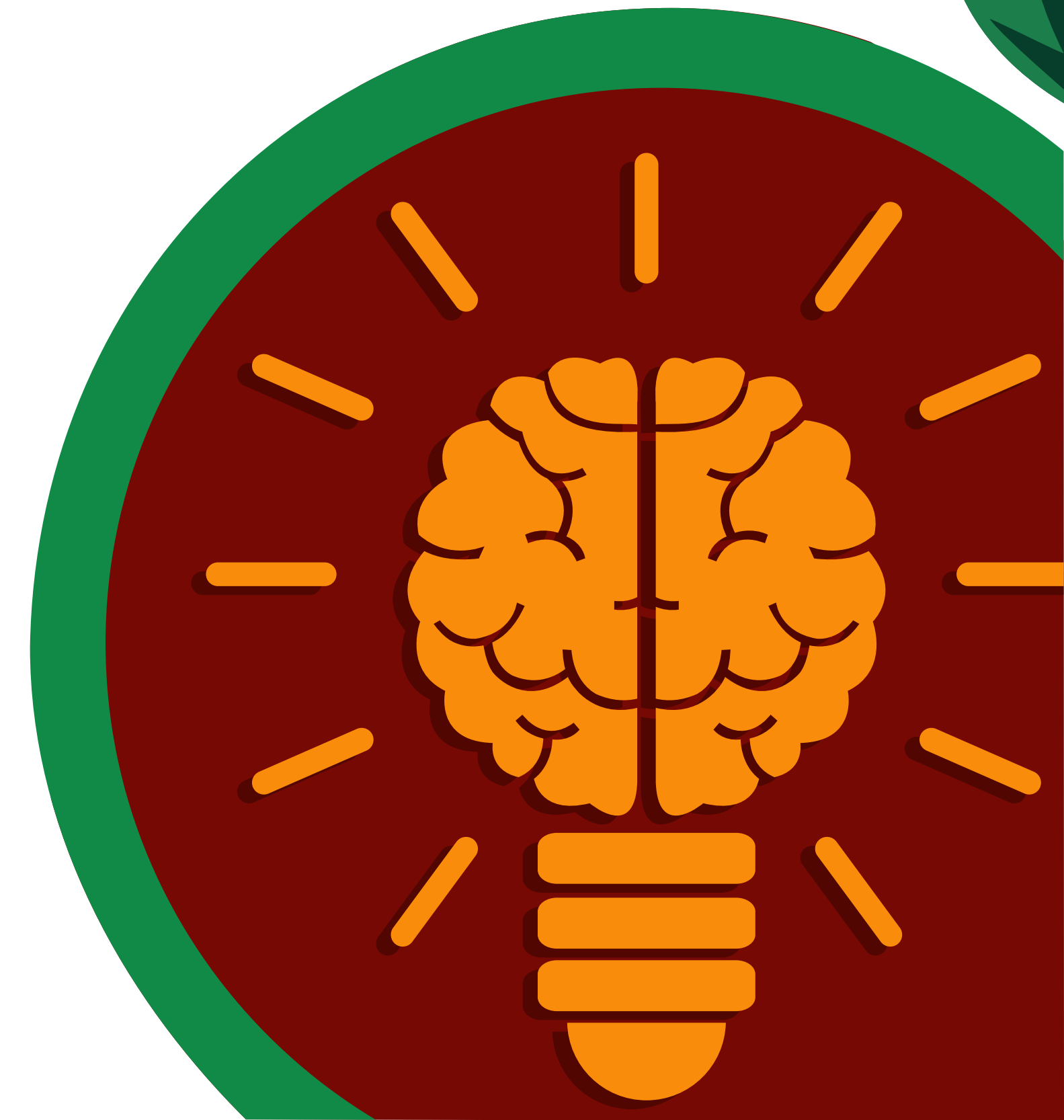
The division between jobs and protecting the Earth is a false premise based on exploitation. With AfriKin, we are here to stand up for those who are working to maintain our natural resources and help to guide commercial endeavors into sustainable practices. When businesses are being proactive and forward thinking, they should be recognized and utilized. When corporations enact destructive policies and are unwilling to adjust, they should be called out and pressured to change. We cannot allow the corrupt market mentality to supersede the needs of society. Fortunately, with the internet, certain dynamics have evolved with communication and coordination, so the voices of the people are more represented. With an activated public, the businesses are further compelled to modernize, but more needs to be done.



In which ways have large multi-national corporations helped or harmed the local community and the region's natural resources?



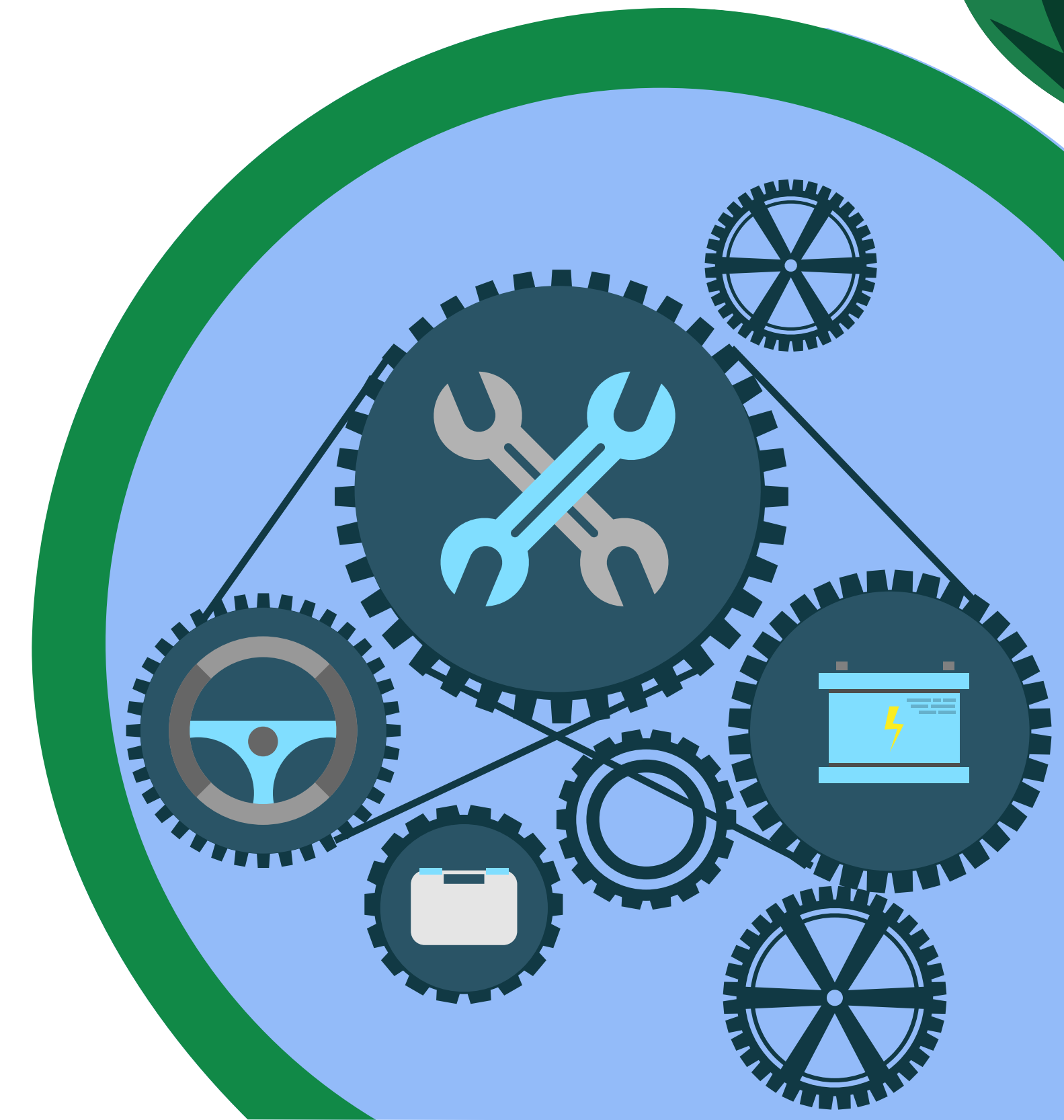
How have people learned from these experiences?



What types of business partnerships have proven to be effective?



How have boycotts worked effectively?



What are good examples of public pressure shifting policy?



How has progressive uplift worked to support green businesses effectively?



What are good examples of beneficial partnerships?



What are non-conventional strategies for engaging with businesses?



What are examples of these formats working?



Organizer Insights

Community organizers are powerful conduits who have actively engaged with the populace yet participating in this capacity is an innovative process that demonstrates skills and exposes weaknesses. Learning how to work with an assortment of personalities and agendas for broader goals provide opportunities to find common ground with unconsidered allies. By meshing managerial talents with empathy and compassion, activists bridge gaps with humanistic approaches to progressive ideals. Often times facilitators face unsurmountable obstacles and dire consequences from the outcomes, but even with failure, the fate of communities needs to be addressed and outcomes recognized as we push on. When lives are in the balance, true leaders are there to rally the region as a last line of defense. Now we need to find new ways to strengthen those lines.

What successes have you seen as an organizer that can be implemented by others across the Earth?



What resources were you able to tap into make things happen locally?



How can others follow your examples?



How can these solutions be adopted by individuals, businesses and municipalities to get results from positive shifts and spark awareness within communities?



What tools are good for enhancing communications and are accessible to people across the world?



Who are the leaders that more people should recognize for their efforts and how can more people participate in their actions?



Turning Ideas Into Actions

Either as an individual, small group, organization, business or broader movement, our actions reflect accomplishments as steps towards greater goals. With ambitions of unity, equity, liberty and sustainability, it is crucial to develop the foundation for growth based on practical patterns and strong civic engagement. By embracing community empowerment as a focal element that must be nurtured with tangible involvement, implementation must have a strong resonance that inspires follow through and a sense of belonging. As we break barriers with solidarity and communal enrichment, we provide the cornerstones of hope and aspiration to overcome apathy and disenfranchisement. Once actions gain momentum, the potential to grow increases with more support and enthusiasm, so let's activate within our communities as we connect as a global populace!



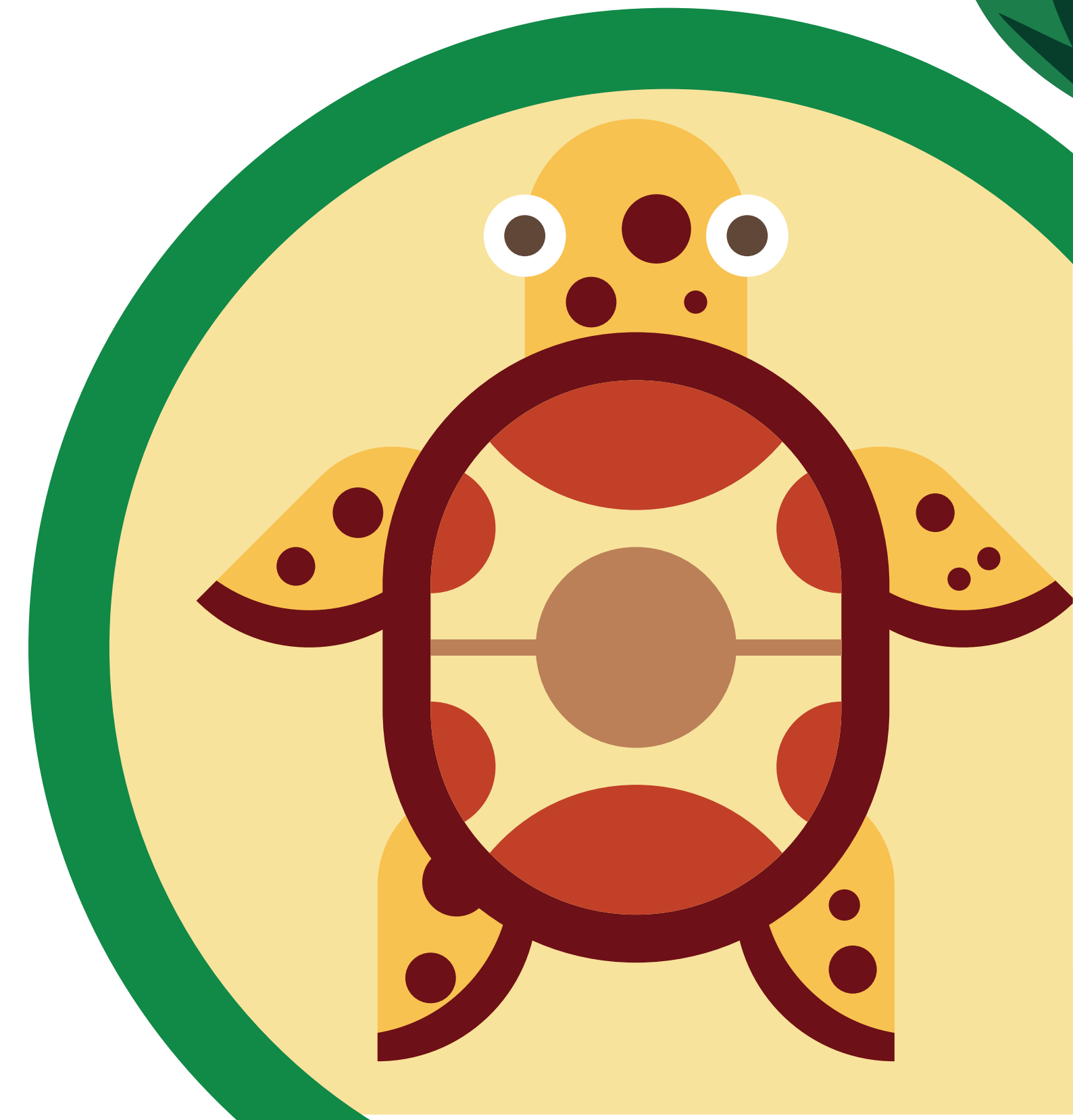
What are obstacles to organizing and how have you been able to overcome these challenges?



How have you been able to expand your skills to develop techniques for positive change?



How have you been able to coordinate within your team?



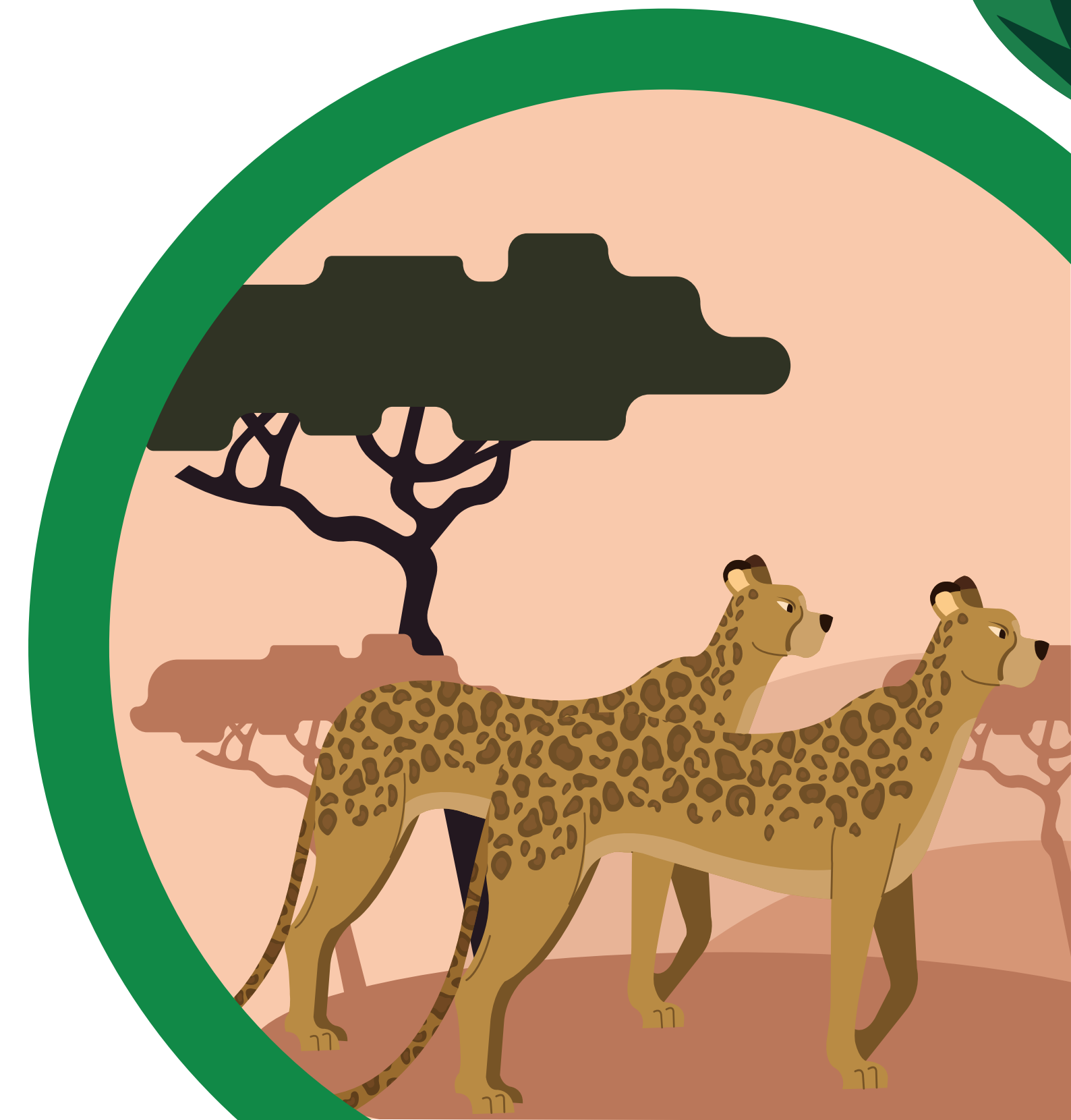
How does your group work with others?



What fundraising techniques have been successful?



How have partnerships increased your outreach and effectiveness?



Art Activism

With creative participation that reaches outside the standard realm of policy discussions, art activism enhances voices and opens the scope of community engagement. By utilizing all forms of art, music, theater, video and fashion, individuals can express themselves while empowering their unique and distinctive talents. When considering the real-world effects of public policy on people's lives, it is crucial that we connect with those distant from the internal politics and demonstrate the impact of involvement. As much as activists are fighting against corporate power, we are battling a wall of social apathy fostered by decades of neglect. Art activism expands the dynamics of conveyance with a universal resonance that runs deep. With a tangible, personal approach, the messages have more meaning and the essence interacts with a broader relevance than a typical campaign speech.

How does artistic engagement bridge the gap between the public and decision makers?



How can creative mediums bring people together and educate others about ecological issues?



How can artistic engagement convey issues of underrepresented and indigenous communities to share their needs with the rest of the world?



How can we amplify their messages to reach more people?



What are good examples of art activism in your community?



How have you included art activism in your outreach campaigns?



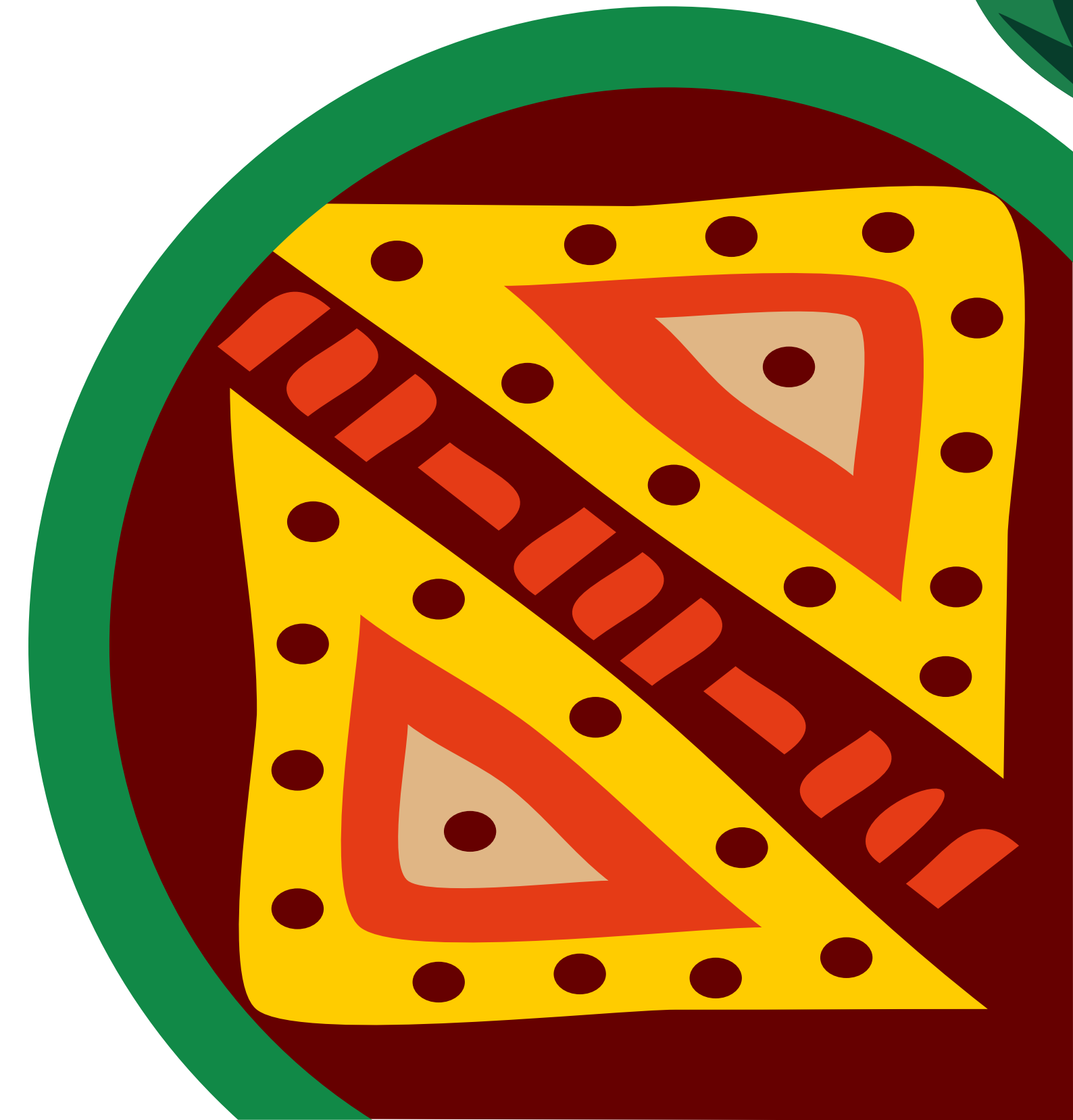
Media Engagement

In order to reach more people about issues, campaigns, deals, achievements and opportunities for change, organizers need to associate with various media outlets to spread the word. How we mesh with the media impacts our results - including how we push back when they get things wrong. Promotional dynamics continue to evolve with new platforms developing in this informational spectrum, so awareness of new and emerging formats can help you crest above in the attention seeking sea. Building a rapport with columnists, interviewers, outreach organizations, blog managers, influencers and other networkers provides resources to interact with people outside your normal circles. At the same time, the internet and social media bolsters direct access to diverse audiences while offering the means to engage on more personal levels. Within this realm, it is important to recognize the effect of money in this equation and how budgets directly scale the ability to broadcast your voice. By establishing certain publicity strategies, activists have a greater potential to create the connections needed to build a stronger social movement.

How do you inform the public of situations, projects and solutions?



How have you been able to access an audience with social media platforms and traditional outlets?



What types of projects have generated articles, interviews or video clips?



How have you been able to connect with media people to get support?



How do you work with the media when they get things wrong?



How has money impacted your ability to spread your message?



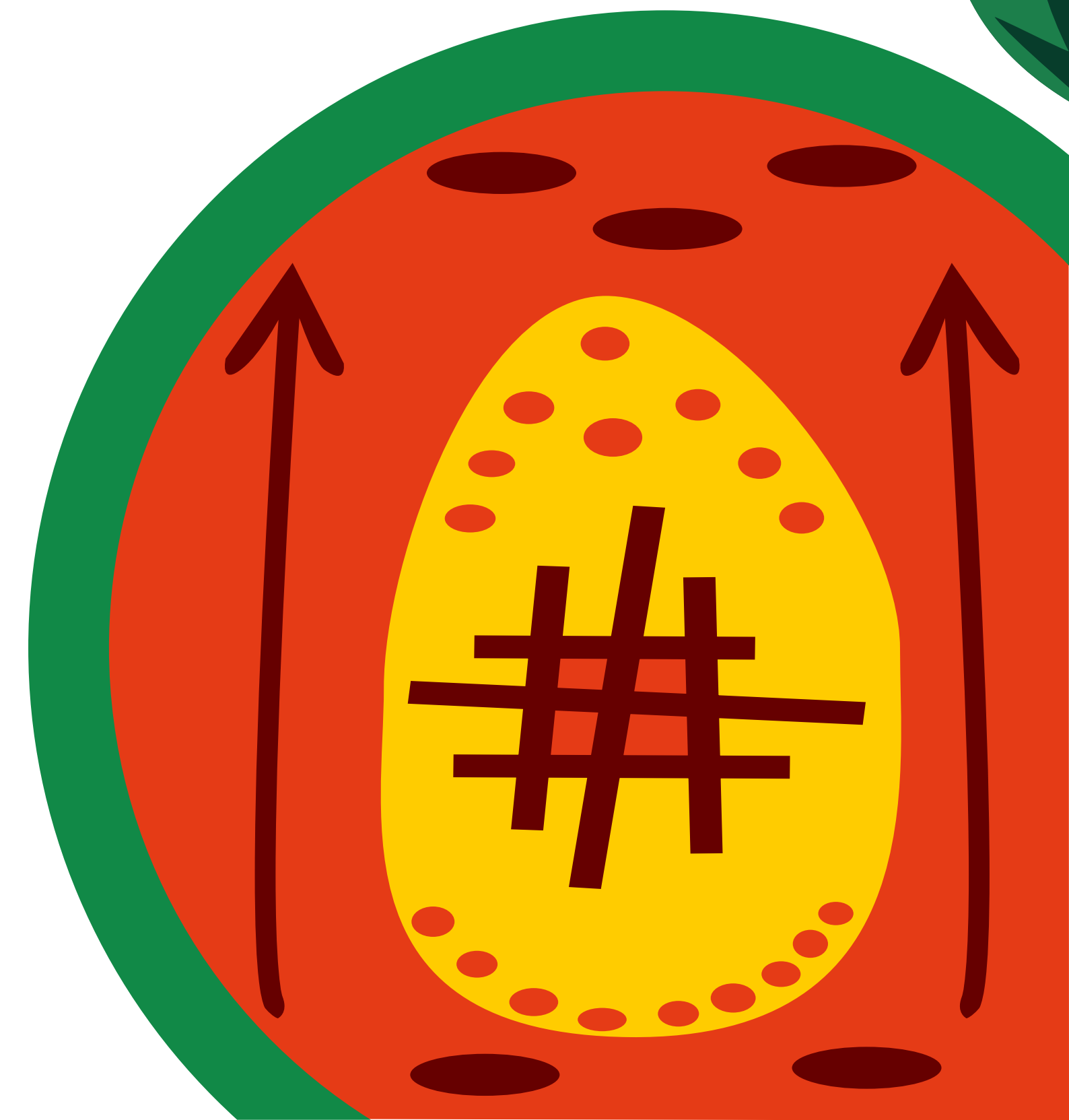
What outlets have been cost effective in your outreach?



Governmental Engagement

With governmental policies impacting all aspects of life and process, it is imperative to engage officials and agencies to represent the needs of the people. When law makers are more in touch with corporate donors over their constituents, the oligarchy dictates the legislative interests. In order to strengthen public influence, organizers need to align within the system by building relationships based on communal empowerment of a grassroots network. At the same time, progressive campaign coordinators have successfully run for office and shifted the balance of power by infiltrating the game with a populist agenda. However, you choose to participate in the political process, it is important to recognize how movement conduits like Eco-AfriKin expand the web of support needed - please remember, you are not alone in the journey.

What are the alternatives to current policies and how can they gain momentum in the public forum?



How can local infrastructure projects positively shift environmental conditions and create a stronger connection between labor and ecological concerns?



What models and solutions can build partnerships between organizations, municipalities and nations?



How can a strong coalition prevent destructive projects before and after approval?



What remedies are available to hold elected officials or agencies accountable?



Income Inequality

For far too long, the broad scope of the social justice movement has been fighting against systemic exploitation and the imbedded corruption that favors the powerful, yet we are the majority. As a multiracial coalition shaped by ideals of unity and sustainability, we strive to provide a fortified foundation for a revolutionary paradigm of equity and resource access. With pragmatic purposes, we cannot address environmental or humanistic vibrancy without converting the imbalance of financial lack within redlined districts. With multinational corporations controlling policy decisions, we must unify and coordinate in order to overwhelm the system with people power. As examples, supporting unions, small businesses and home ownership bolsters more resilient residential ties and provides opportunities to build up stronger neighborhood empowerment. As we recognize the vitality of our grassroots movements connecting people within local communities and a worldwide network, the lift we gain manifests through improvements to people's lives along with the regions' health environmentally and economically.

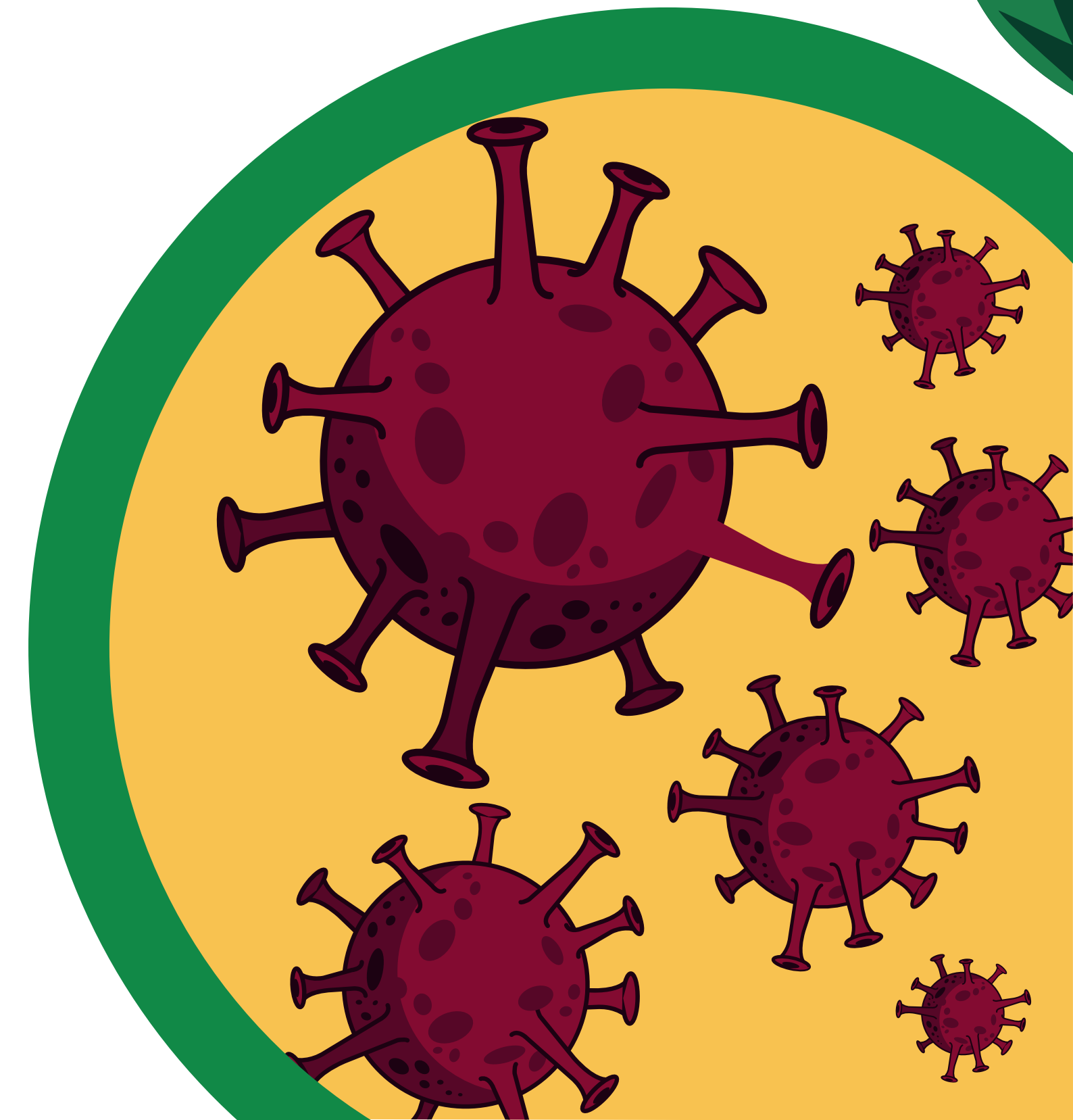
How are local environmental issues impacted by race relations and old-world extraction policies?



How has gentrification impacted local neighborhoods and ecosystems?



How are small businesses impacted by the pandemic?



What can be done to protect people who are affected by pollution and systemic environmental degradation?



How does access to healthcare impact people dealing with systemic environmental degradation?



How has environmental racism effected the region?



Transportation

The vitality of any region is gauged by its ability to interact and connect with others - often times this flows through the cars, trucks and motorcycles on the roads, highways, tunnels and bridges, but there are various forms of travel that should be considered within municipal planning. The movement of goods and people shape the contours of society and empowers individuals within the masses to reach their commercial goals. Public transit provides options for those without cars and offers an alternative to the current congestion on the paved veins pulsing through communities, but it requires forward thinking from city planners to implement. At the same time, pedestrians, cyclists, skateboarders, wheelchairs and other short distance modes are dependent on sidewalks and bike paths - their condition and accessibility directly relate to their success within the neighborhoods. Water ways are lifelines for land and wildlife so they demand special treatment as they serve the needs of boating, sailing, shipping and recreation with consideration to surrounding habitats. In addition, transport like airports, seaports and railroad necessitates infrastructure and regular maintenance in order to coordinate with competency- and that comes down to budgets. By providing a variety of efficient options, societies emphasize their priorities and weaknesses when it comes to conveyance infrastructure. It is important to recognize that it all can be better with proper investment - and it occurs when people work together to raise the issues and hold leaders accountable.



How is public transportation and infrastructure effecting the local community?



How are future plans prioritized when it comes to reducing congestion?



How are non-motorized modes of transport encouraged or discouraged in your community?



How can a walking community develop in your area?



What would foster a shift towards a more pedestrian friendly environment?

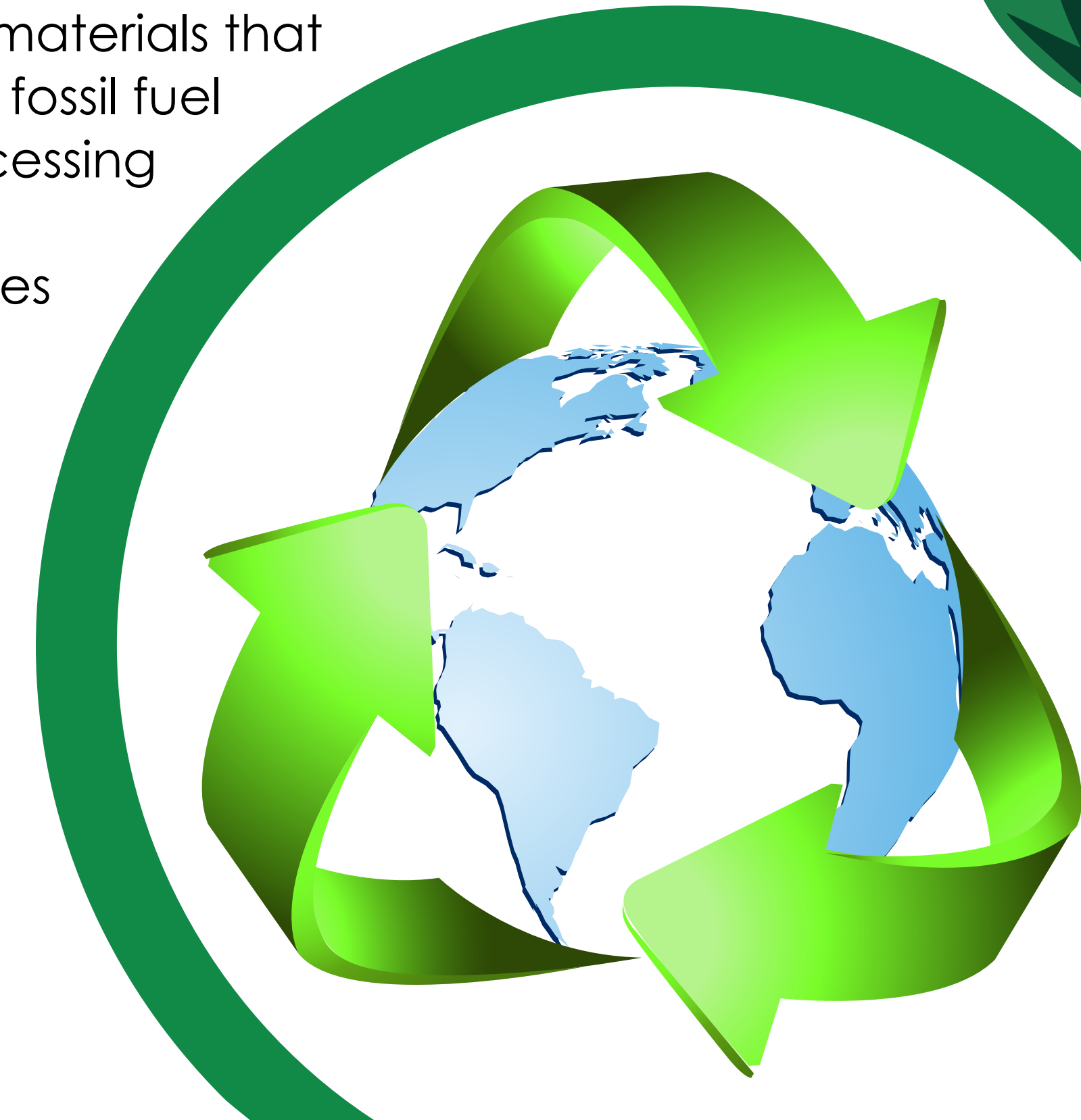


How do roadways accommodate the community and how can they be improved?



Recycling

The lack of an effective, widespread recycling program is indicative of a system designed on raw resource extraction. As a result, recycling has been marginalized as waste continues to cover the land and fill our water ways. In order to shift this catastrophe, a massive campaign needs to include governmental agencies, businesses and the population worldwide. We can no longer fester in a disposable society mentality and waste management can no longer be a fallacy of simply hauling debris to another location. Recycling is a labor-intensive process that can create jobs and incentivize a higher value on materials that would otherwise be discarded. By initiating subsidies similar to the support given to fossil fuel companies, the recycling sector would be able to enhance separation and reprocessing techniques to reuse refuse efficiently. As an actualized full-scale industry, recycling could become a cornerstone foundation for revitalization that immediately improves communities worldwide.



How can recycling expand to be more proactive and reduce waste?



What types of community-based recycling programs can be implemented in your area?



What models are possible?

How can local businesses get involved in recycling programs?



If a large-scale recycling program could be enacted, how could the public properly support it?



What international models have proven successful?



How can subsidies provide the support needed to grow efficient and effective recycling programs?



Indigenous Issues

Indigenous communities continue to be exploited by colonizers and corporations, yet many have been able to maintain a sense of history and a connection to the Earth despite centuries of aggression. While ethnic struggles have been imposed to assimilate people by domineering forces, the battles continue on land and water rights - as money flexes its will and treaties are broken. Cultural appropriations without an honest sense of history or context leads to debasing the roots, yet we can inspire conscious illumination with factual perspective and sincere interaction when we open with the essence of love. It is time to listen to indigenous communities, honor their journeys within the world and provide the support needed. As once distant voices are now able to join in solidarity, we as the AfriKin populace provide conduits to amplify the messages of human rights, protection of their land and respect for their ways of being.



What type of programs can be established to provide more support for indigenous communities?



How can communication and support enhance cultural exchanges that share information and provide resources for community development?



How can mainstream society support indigenous communities without infringing on their sovereign rights or adding to cultural misappropriation?



How can the international movement support indigenous communities as they fight to enforce the violated treaties and protect their land, water and heritage sites?



How can native or marginalized cultures gain recognition for influences on society when history is whitewashed?



How can indigenous sacred sites gain more protection with international support?



What indigenous and ethnic communities are in your region?



Have you interacted with the people in some capacity?



What did you learn?



Rewilding

Revitalizing nature has broad results, but it has various small steps that can be achieved with some attention to regional eco-details. Recognizing the importance of indigenous flora and fauna sparks consciousness, yet the fostering of native species activates the biosphere with recharged life. Often times, invasive species shift the balance within local ecosystems and before there is any attention to the situation, severe damage has been done. In order to support the native populations, we have to look holistically and recreate habitats that starts with some historical references and the ability to initiate incrementally - then grow with more space and attention. Within this context, it is crucial to remove the garbage, debris and contaminants that kill the essence of conservation - these practices add respect to nature that others can see and learn from. By looking at land, plants, animals and waterways as life giving, rather than disposable, we can provide that sense of enrichment and share that portal of potential with others.

How have restorative projects improved the community and what results have been documented to show a better quality of life?



What are the positive results that you are seeing on wildlife after implementing these projects?



How has water and air quality improved?



How are invasive species effecting native habitats?



What is being done to remove the invasive species?



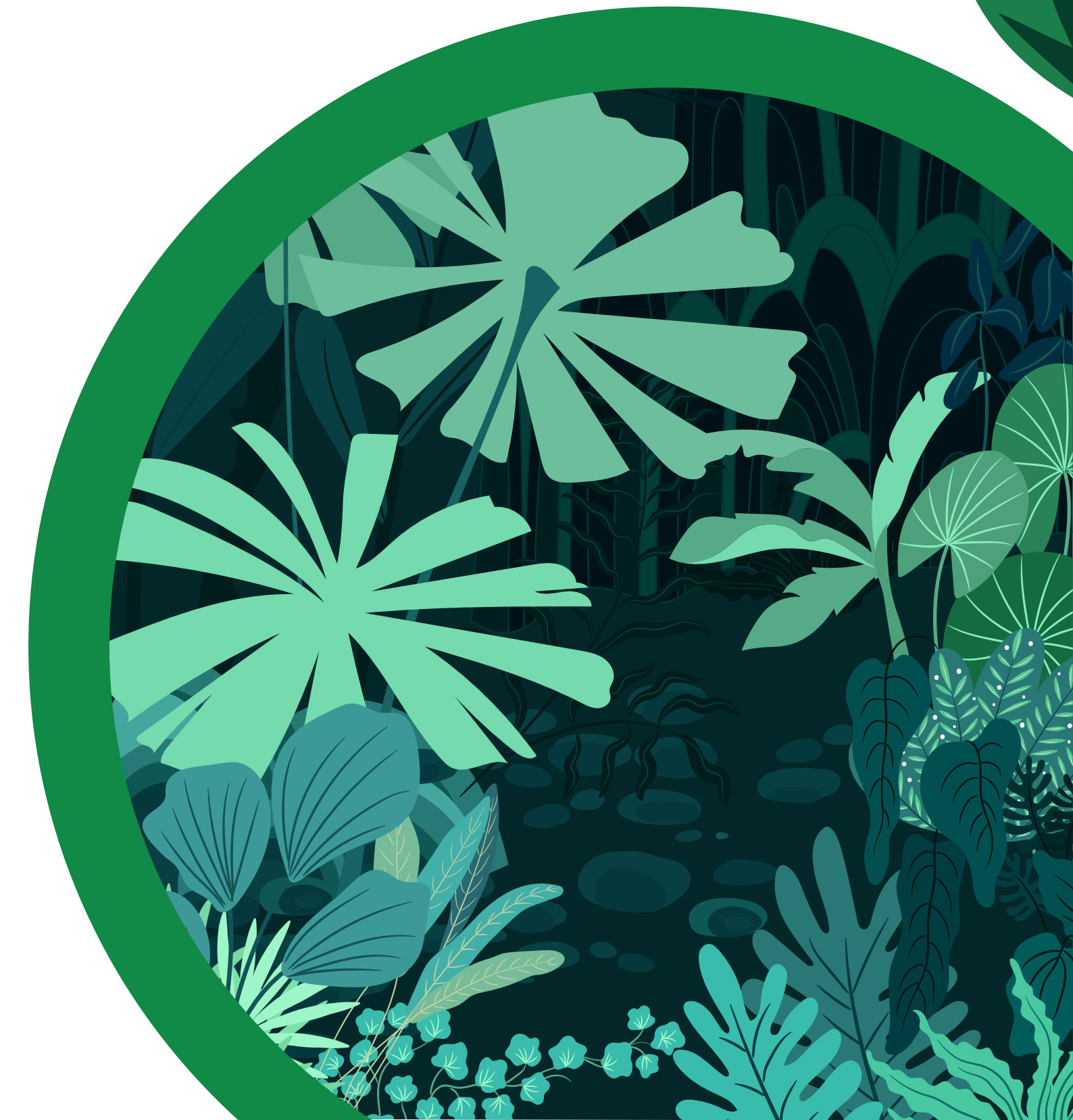
How are cornerstone species recognized and protected locally so they can thrive?



How can rewilding programs grow and increase effectiveness with more support?



How can rewilding efforts mesh with urbanization and agricultural regions?



Wildlife

Protecting wildlife is a complex process of supporting habitat and cornerstone species amidst various land issues and resource extraction policies. Learning to consider other species as they intersect with society is a challenge that many officials side-step when making decisions, but we have a responsibility to care for others within our regions and beyond. Sustainable Earth stewardship requires attention to the land, air and water along with the interaction with plants, animals, insects, fungi, bacteria and even microbes. This approach recognizes the dynamics of the ecosystem and how changes cascade with shifts in elemental balances. While populations of endangered species demonstrate the fragility of a region's health, we need to create the environments for wildlife to thrive by looking at their needs and how people can guide rehabilitation locally within clusters of fragmented zones. As we shift perspectives and recognize the rights of animals as sentient beings, then we can see the world within a more equal context. At the same time, once people acknowledge the web of life and how we need to work together to sustain the planet, the sooner we can stop the practices that routinely kill out of ignorance.



How have wildlife been impacted by development encroachment?



What organizations are tracking native populations locally?



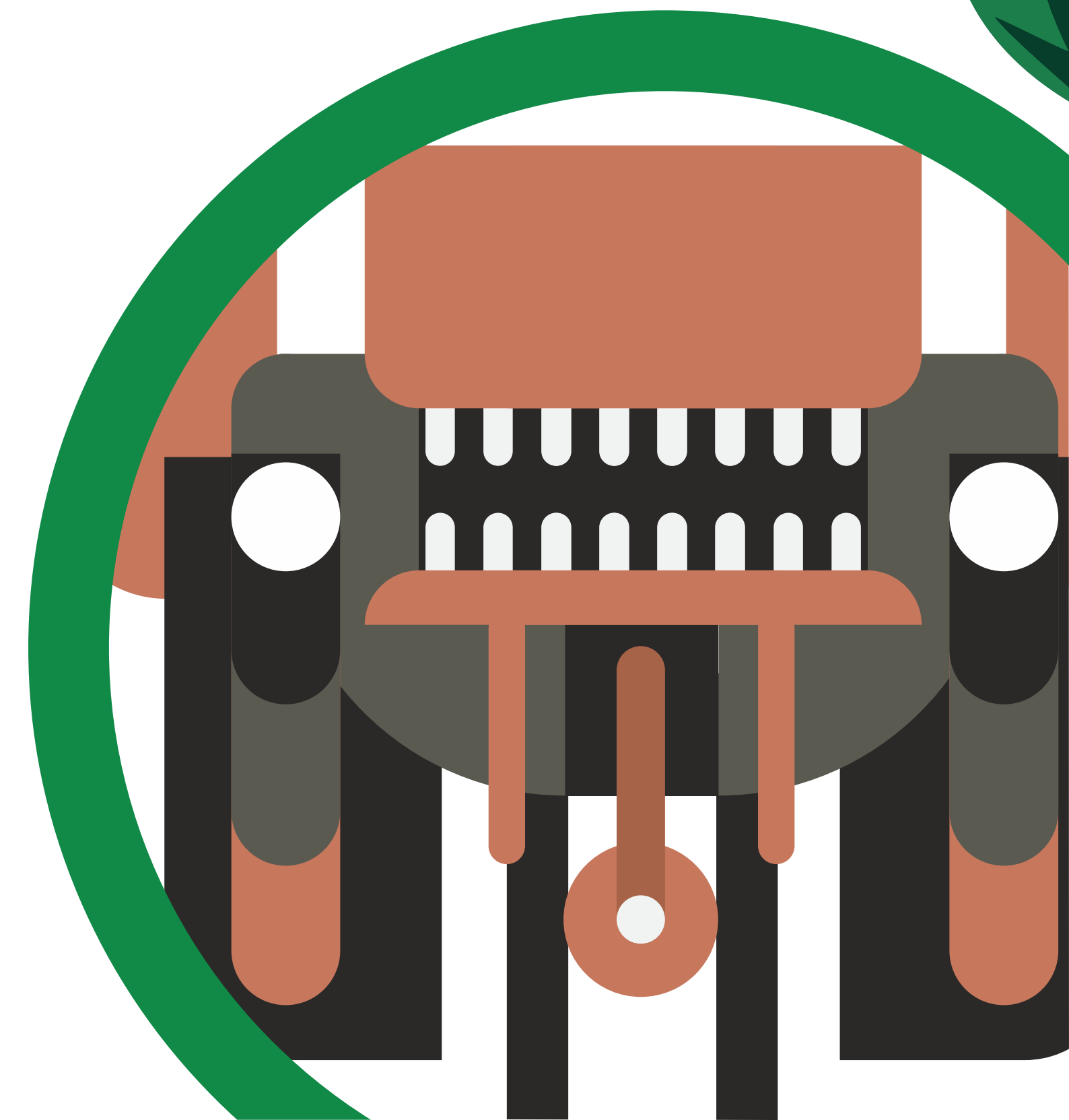
How are the results presented?



In areas overrun by invasive species, what changes are you seeing?



In areas that have removed invasive species, what changes are you seeing?



What support can people provide to help native species?



Water Management

Water is essential and access is a natural right, but now water is commodified and restricted as sources are increasingly polluted. For far too long, people and businesses have abused aquifers as toilets, while resources have been drained for private profit. This cannot continue if we are going to survive on this planet. It is time to embrace the Earth as our home and respect the water as our lifeblood. As our populace recognizes the vibrancy of the planet, we transition away from a disposable mentality that has corrupted our consciousness. Protecting our water requires resilience, resonance and innovation to match the needs of society and wildlife, but we have no choice when approaching this issue.

How are fresh water sources impacted by changes locally?



What can we do to improve these local conditions?



How do water quality issues impact communities?



How can we influence public policy to protect watershed regions while preventing contamination and exploitation?



How are moisture farms providing water to communities without a nearby water source?



What type of systems are available to filter water effectively?



How can they be implemented in communities without consistent clean water sources?



How are desalination techniques developing to support growing communities?



Agriculture

The need to feed our people and animals requires a concerted effort to establish a productive format for farming, but current models have excessively emphasized chemical maintenance over the costs to biodiversity. With a focus on quick yields and short crop rotations, these patterns stress the use of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers that pollute water sources and reduce soil viability. With meat production, animals are often tortured and subjected to abnormal amounts of steroids and antibiotics, while being confined to their cramped cages and stuck with a steady stream of feces - which adds to further water contamination. While alternative practices are available and utilized in some instances, the mainstream sacrifices humanity for illusions of profit over health and sustainability. The elemental essence of food for nutritious sustenance has been corrupted with expediency, but fortunately market forces have demonstrated that other options still hold viability. At the same time, more people are seeking alternatives or growing their own to find the food that they want to consume over the big business paradigm - and leaders are taking notice!



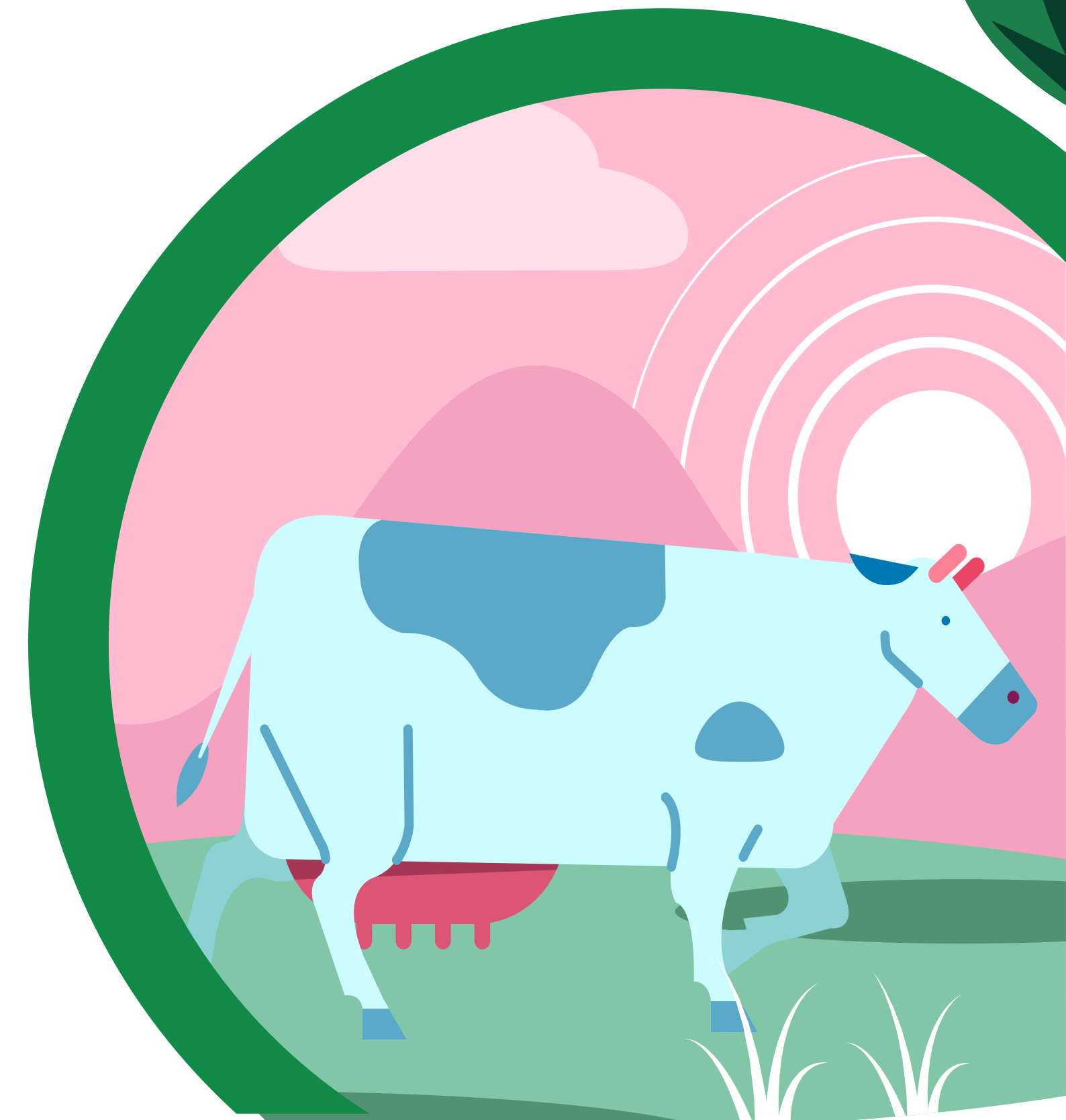
How are agricultural practices impacting the land and water locally?



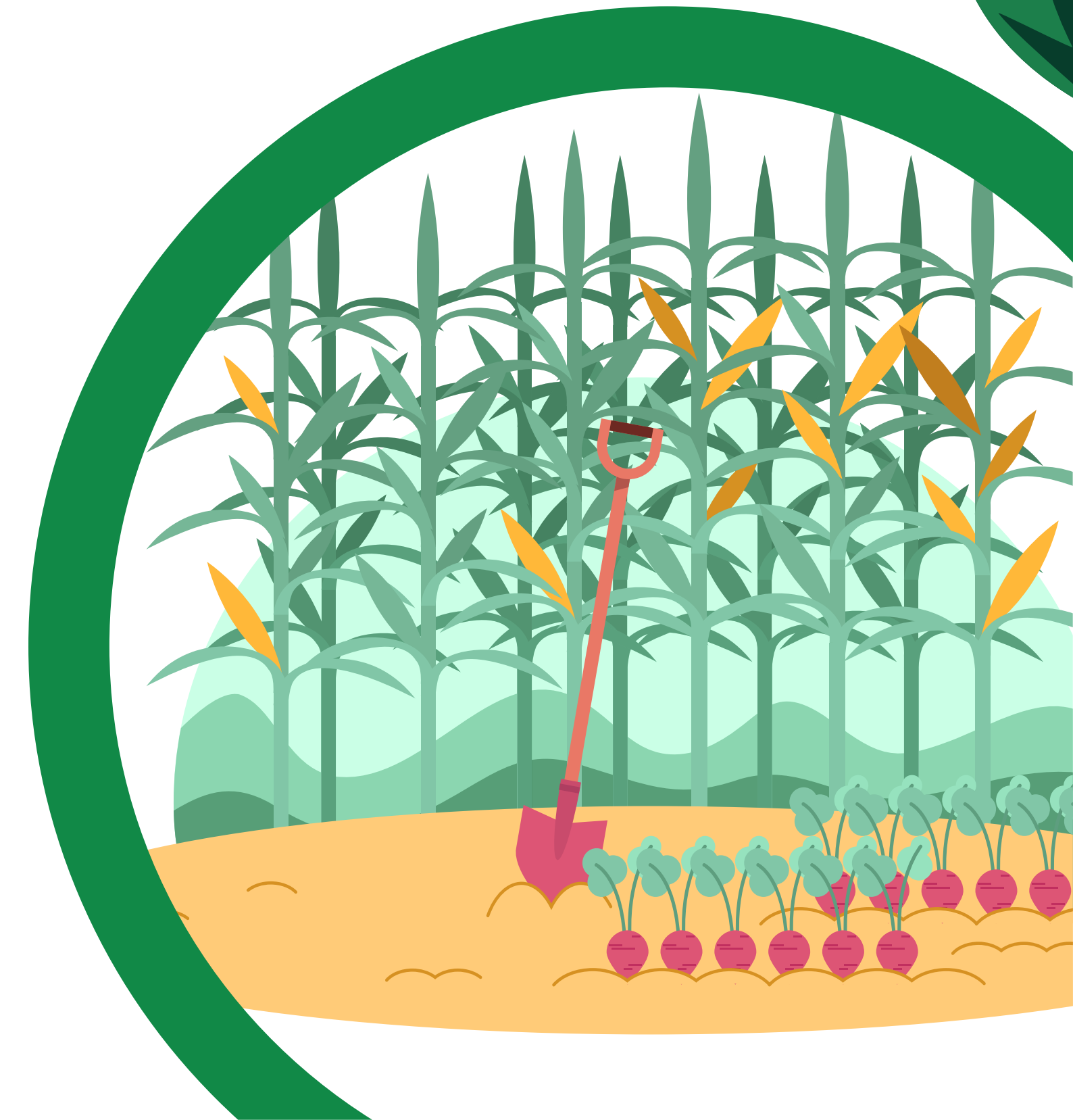
How does diet effect the land and surrounding wildlife?



How can food waste get reduced and utilized more efficiently?



What are good models for replacing chemical fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides with natural alternatives?



How can the utilization of predatory insects and bees improve crop yield while reducing chemical spraying?



How can subsidies shift to support organic farming over the Monsanto model?



Permaculture

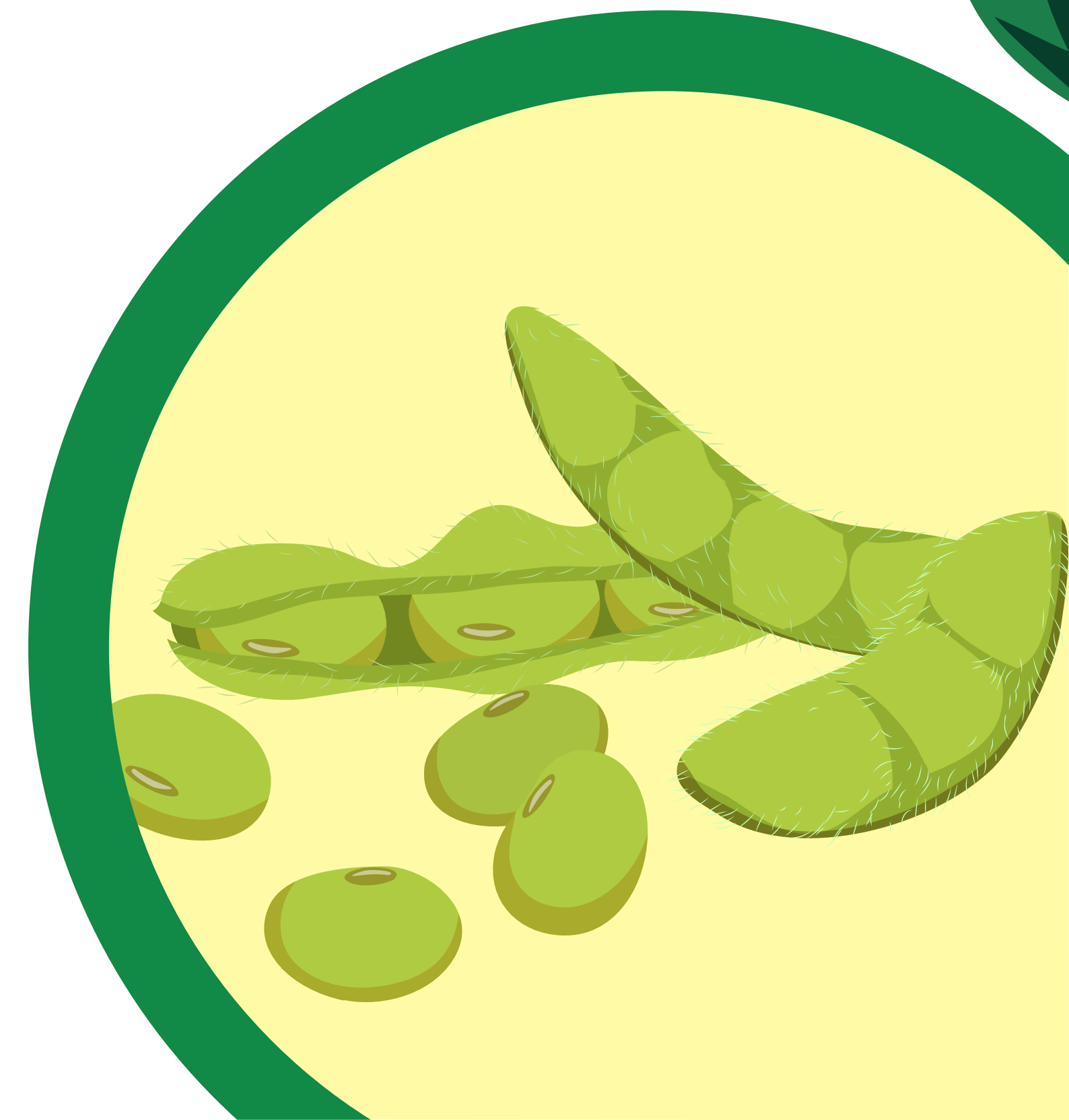
With a new sense of agriculture rooted in urban and rural confines, people are utilizing their land in an organic partnership to revitalize their own spaces while providing oases to foster native plants, animals, insects and birds. By simply removing invasive species and replacing them with indigenous flora, people can shift the balance of ecological equilibrium. With a focus on edibles and anchor species that bolster insects and intersectional vegetation, permaculture farms include the pollinators within the garden designs. When we enrich our land with native plants in loose coordination with others in similar fashions, we contribute to the wellbeing of entire habitats with cleaner air and water. In addition, many of these urban farms are able share their crops with the local communities and offer healthier alternatives in food sources. Under current conditions, we need to improve our support of the nature around us as we aim for more sustainability within our regions, so it is time to get your hands dirty!



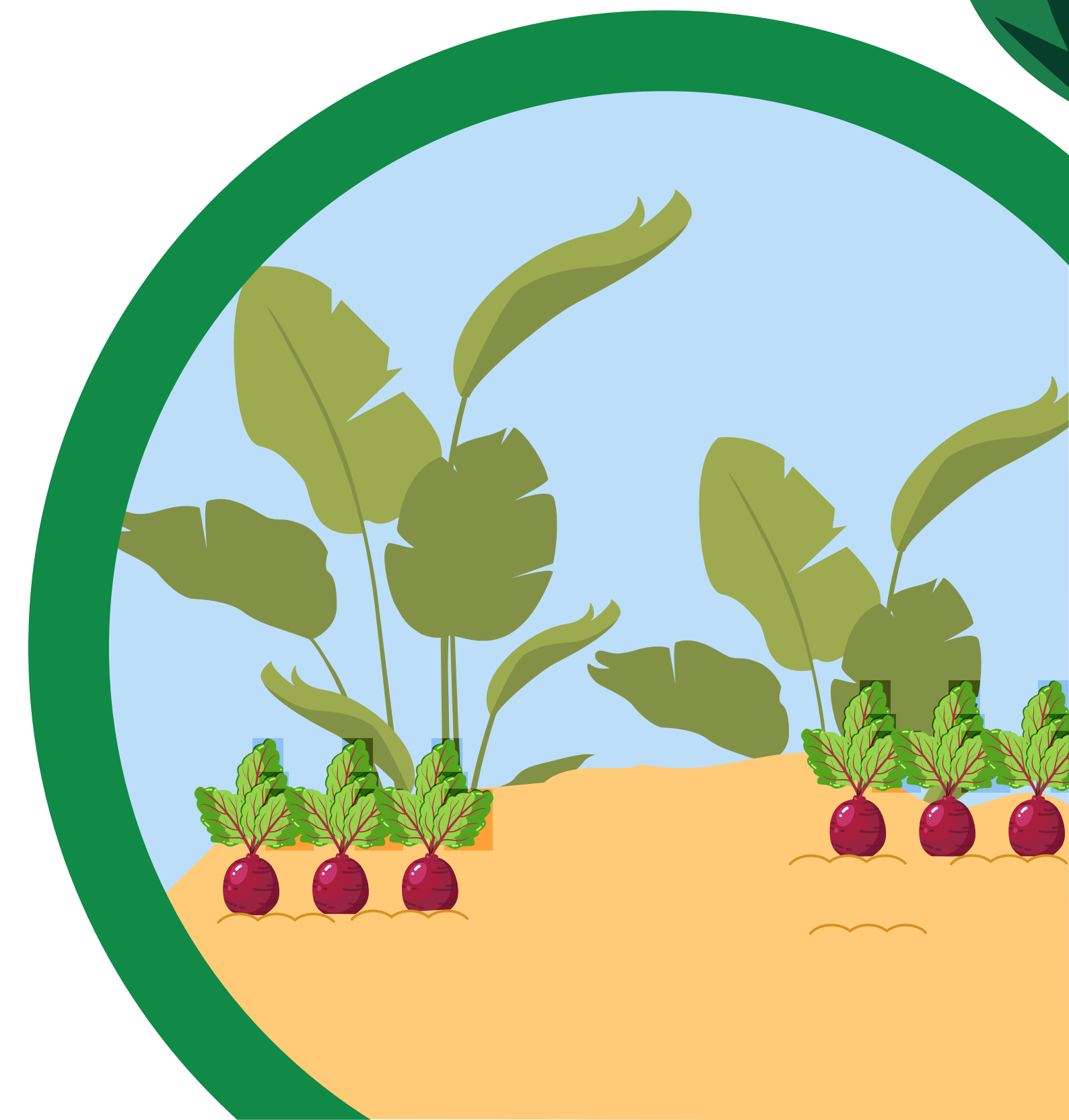
How can small plots of land connect with others to enhance regional ecosystems?



What are good sources of native seeds and saplings?



What are good techniques for working with local soil conditions and how can crops overcome various criteria over time?



What are good ways to manage water when irrigation systems are limited?



How can condensation systems become implemented?



How can native tree growth help to reduce erosion and flooding?



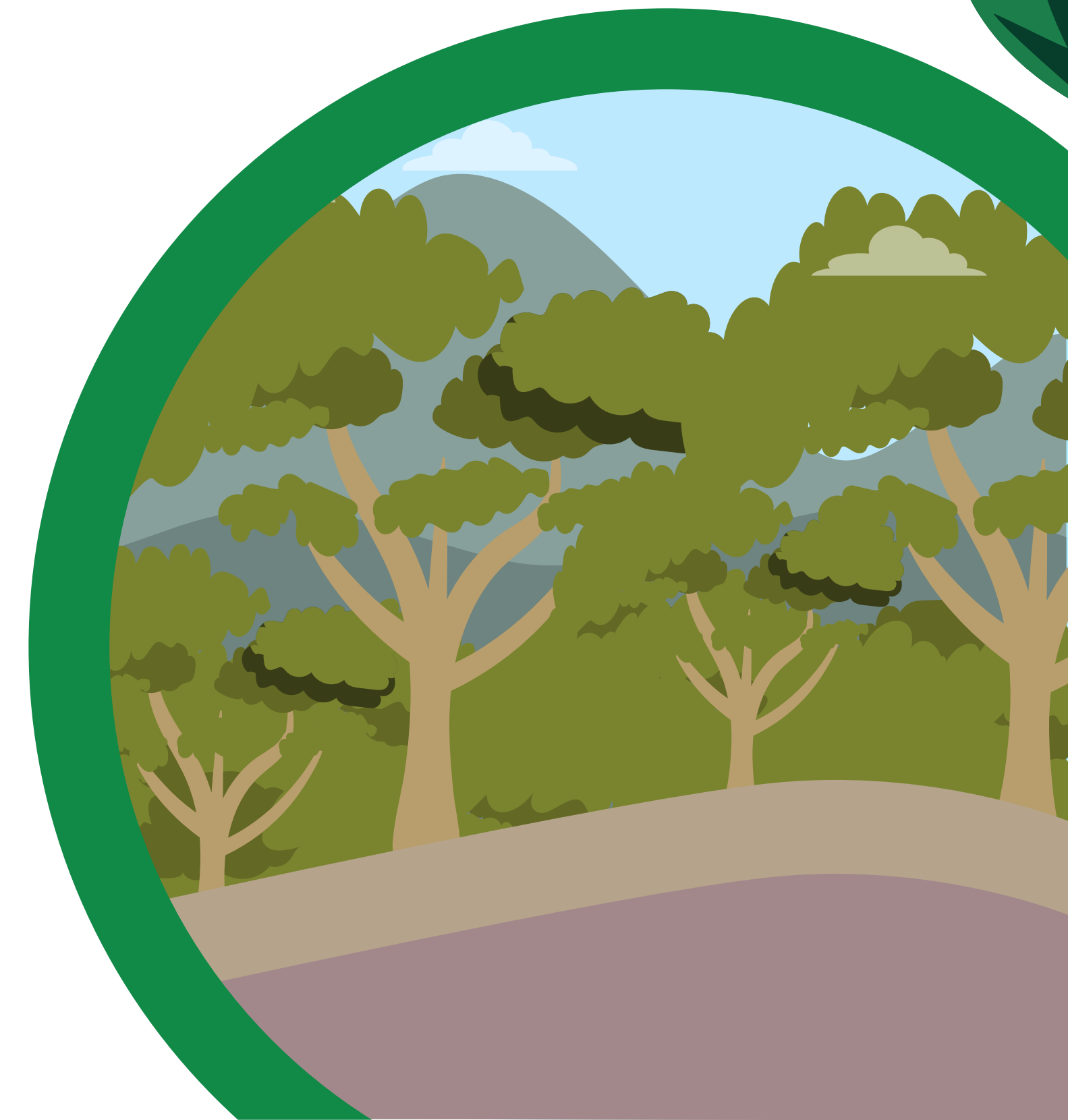
How can people foster native plants, insects and animals when they don't have land of their own?



What are good techniques for reducing organic waste and implementing composting?



How can garden and farm designers include pollinator species within the plans to bolster cooperative populations?



Regenerative Agriculture

As a fusion of old-world farming and modern innovation, regenerative agriculture is proving to reduce carbon from the atmosphere while enriching the soil. By utilizing certain crop maintenance protocols and permaculture practices, plants fortify against erosion, floods and droughts with a strengthened root system. With specific species working together to scale back the implementation of fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides, regenerative crops enhance microbial levels and provide a stronger base for watershed retention while subduing run-off pollution. As cellulose and plant oil refinements offer alternatives to petroleum plastic development, we have opportunities to shift from exploitive extraction procedures to grassroots sustainability. While regenerative applications require a proactive approach to connecting with the land through a biodiversity spectrum, the results demonstrate productive patterns that can be incorporated by mainstream agriculture with proper guidance.



Now that cannabis and hemp are being integrated back into agricultural realms, how will this crop expand the potential for a new revival?



What type of mixed-use crops will help to reduce the need for chemical fertilizers and pesticides?



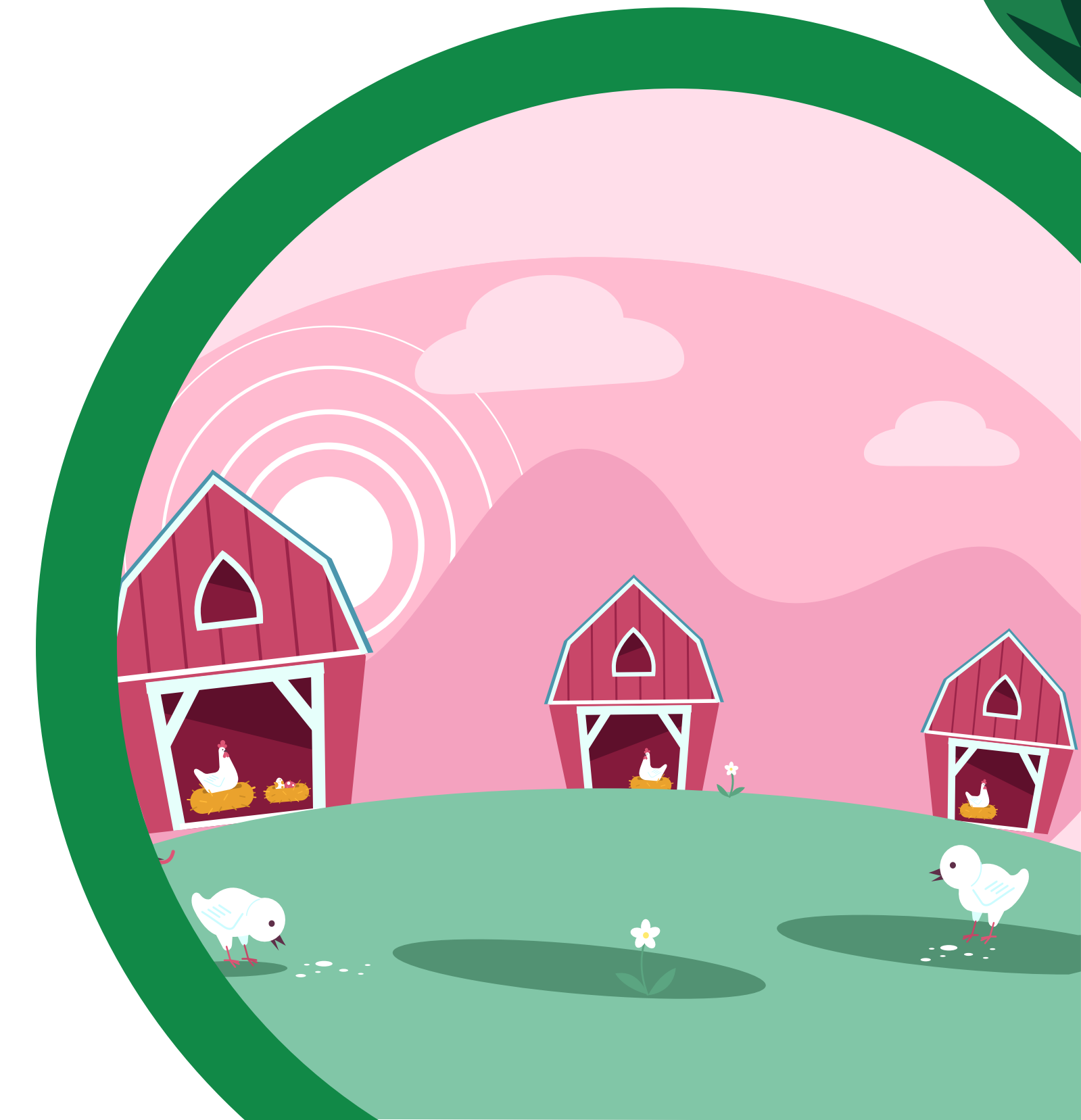
How can regenerative agricultural practices become incorporated in mainstream crop farms over time?



What are solid metrics to demonstrate that regenerative farming practices are effective?



How can local regenerative farms gain more attention and support for their efforts while gaining broader market access?



Urbanization

As cityscapes and urban sprawl meshes with growing populations, we need to maintain ecological vibrancy within these regions to fortify a sustainable balance of resources. Clean air, clean water and natural rejuvenation must be included within any city planning in order to implement an honest quality of life. Too often nature and green spaces are marginalized as commercialization encroaches on land and water in the name of profit. At the same time, people are cast out when money dictates consequences over humanity. Recognizing the social roots of communities as the heart and history of our realms lifts the people beyond being earning or working assets. Within this dynamic, local cultural hubs and outlets for expression and growth need to be bolstered and included in future plans - rather than being an afterthought or discarded as disposable. Representing the essence of a place is more than corporate branding, it is conveyed through the music, art, food, fashion and feel of a populace interacting in harmony - with land, air, water and wildlife surging soundly. As communities reinstate local flavor and character within development and growth, it emphasizes the connection with nature that brings people together in a distinctive resonance that can be shared and learned from.



How can abandoned plots be utilized effectively while promoting more green space?



What mechanisms will help to implement solar and wind power within urban environments?



What type of proposals will help to empower local neighborhoods with food, transportation, schooling, public safety and energy independence?



What type of programs can create jobs that provide opportunities within the community and how can funding be secured?

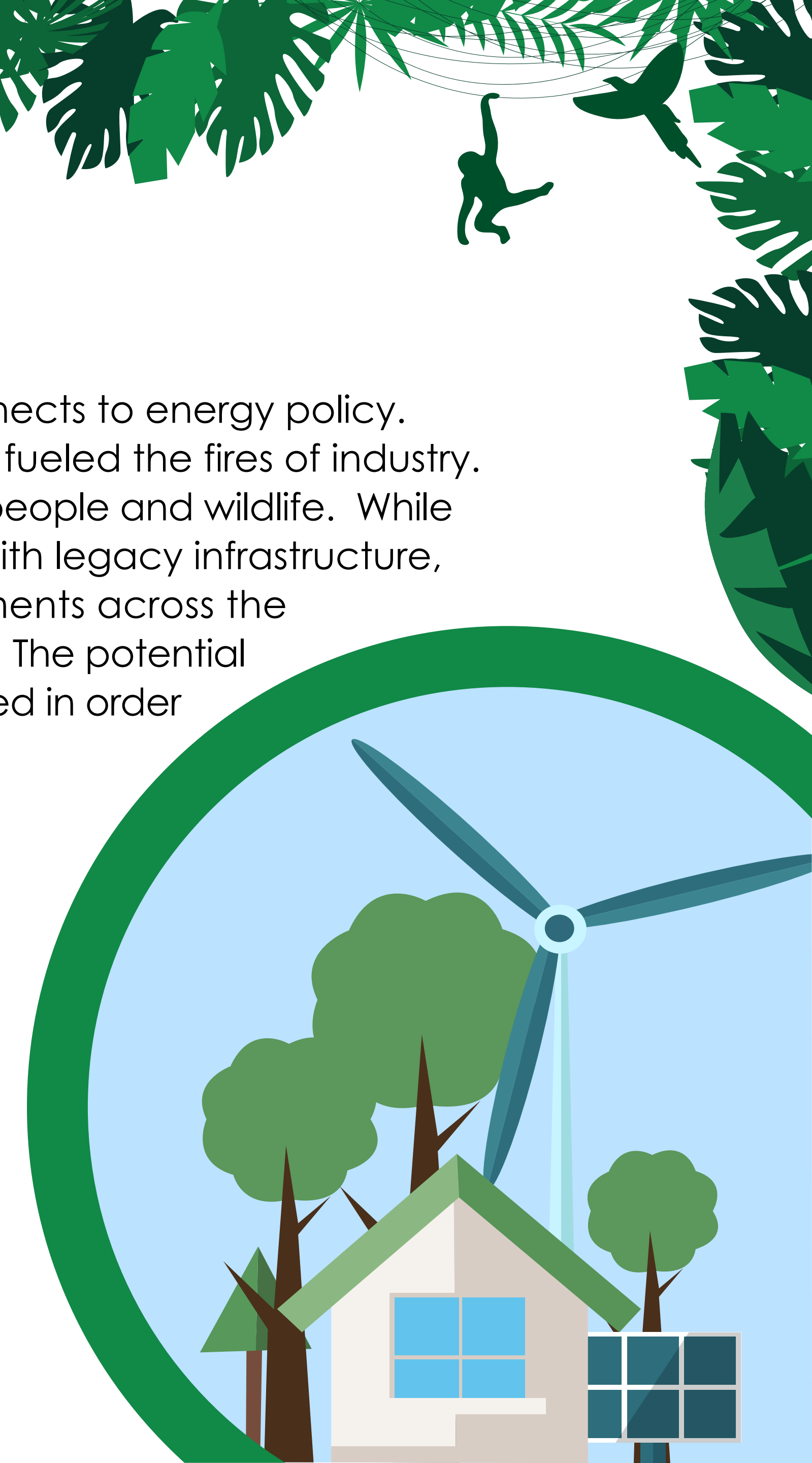


How can people connect with others to expand small scale projects within the community and reach more people for recognition and support?



Energy Policy

Much of the environmental and social degradation that we are experiencing connects to energy policy. For generations, the extraction model has dominated the commercial market and fueled the fires of industry. This has led to massive pollution, land contamination and health consequences for people and wildlife. While new forms of power are being developed and implemented, we are still dealing with legacy infrastructure, machinery and residual waste. The shift to renewable sources will require adjustments across the spectrum of society, but it will depend on the demands of the people to spur action. The potential to change is possible, but the system has ingrained interests that need to be addressed in order to get the results for a better future.



How are environmental changes related to energy policy?



How are these issues being addressed by local, state or national governmental priorities?



What can be done within the local community to address the situation?



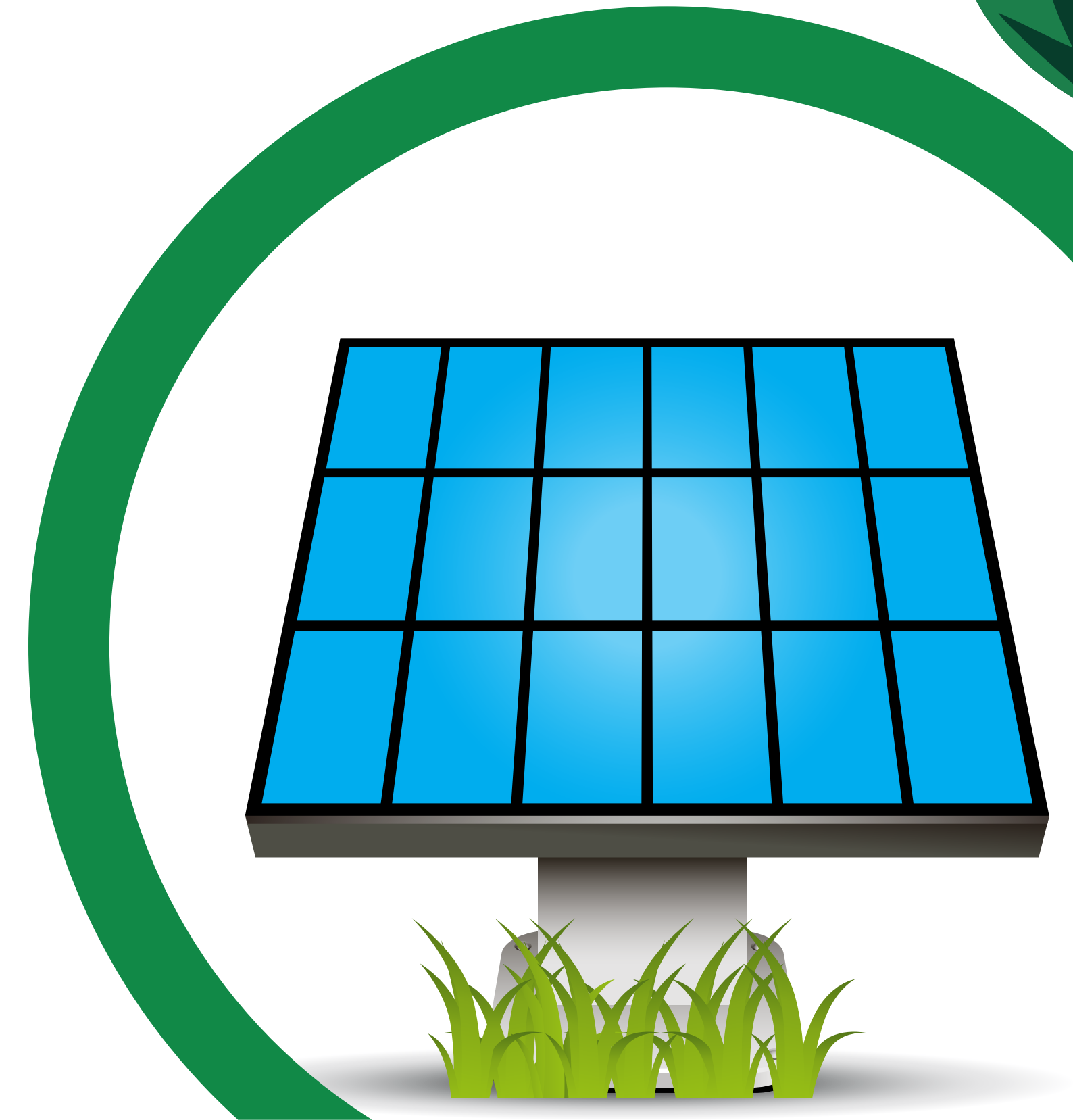
How is energy infrastructure impacting the community?



What could be done to minimize issues during catastrophic situations?

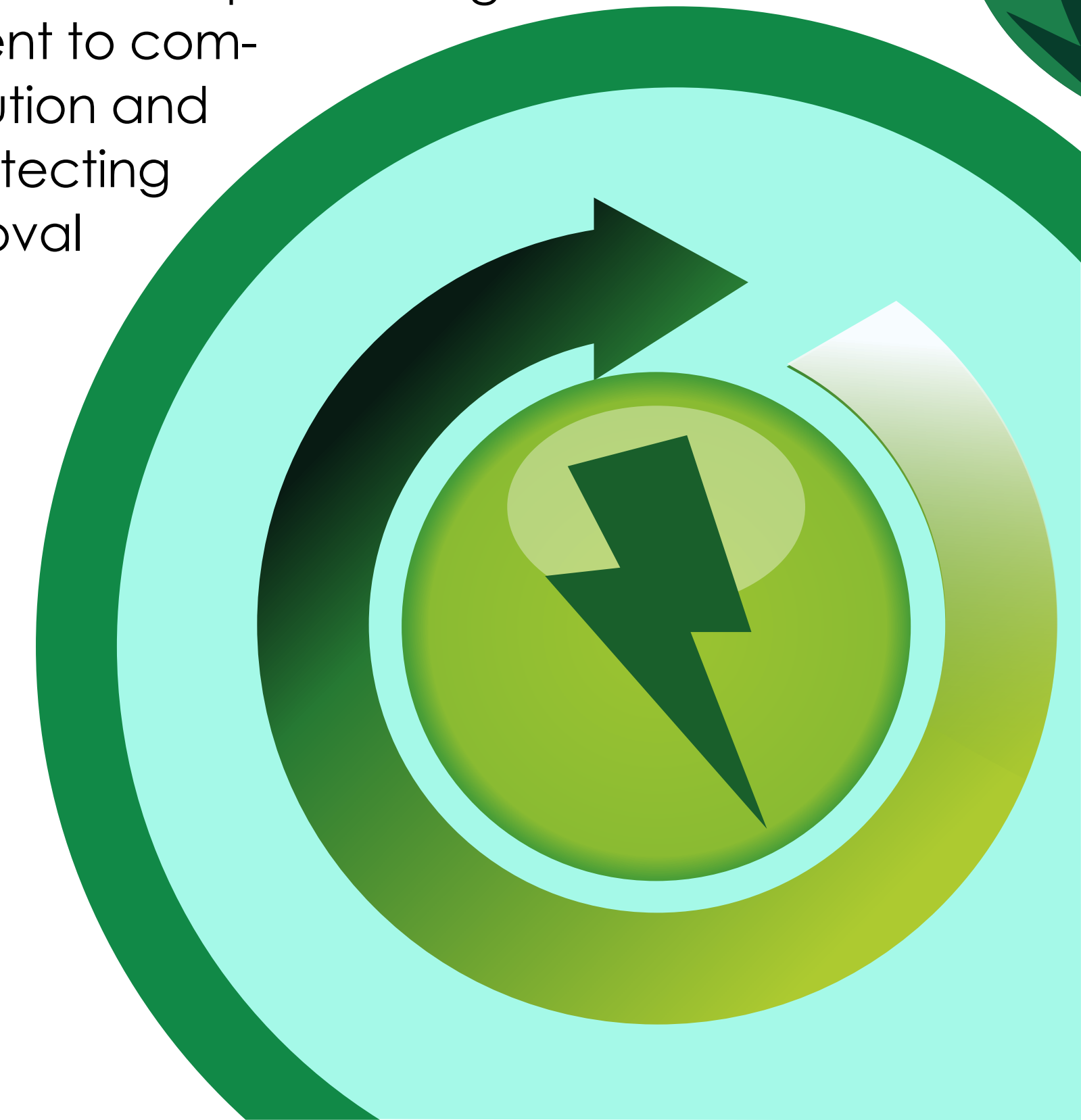


How can we hold energy extractors accountable when they violate rules that damage the environment and hurt the people?



Sustainable Energy

Expanding the scope of sustainable energy sources requires a switch in public policies and the development of new infrastructure. The motivation to transfer to safe alternative power generation mandates ingenuity that breaks from the current institutional structure on physical and political levels. As solar, wind, tidal, biofuels and other potent innovations earn larger market shares, proponents will establish assorted ways to amplify the technologies to other regions around the globe in order to initiate further integration. While implementing renewable energy engineering would be locale specific, the shift offers empowerment to communities and the ability to better interact with the rest of the world. By reducing pollution and diminishing the damage associated with extraction modes, we have the uplift of protecting people, wildlife, land, water and air with healthier results. Now we demand the removal of the imposed barriers to these emerging electric options and embrace the future before it is too late.



What sustainable energy sources are available and how are they being developed within the community?



How can public support grow to further implement these projects?



What type of programs are available to bolster solar on small and large scale projects?



How can tidal energy gain recognition and become more utilized?



Who are the global leaders in the field of tidal energy?



How can gravitational water turbines gain recognition and implementation in regions where this can be established?



What type of programs are available to bolster wind turbines on small and large scale projects?



Scientific Breakthroughs

Right now cutting edge technology and research offers many opportunities to approach our ecological issues with new perspectives. By including people power in the development and outreach of emerging resources, we have the ability to engage supportive elements and increase the impact of breakthrough innovations. Since time is a crucial factor in how we handle these active and impending situations, we must utilize and bolster the potential we have in order to enhance the positive results. When we build as an interactive global community working for solutions, we connect on more personal levels as we dismantle barriers of distance and unawareness. By facilitating as a conduit between activists, academics and progressive businesses, AfriKin serves as a networking beacon for unified change.



What are the latest developments on bioremediation on oil spills and who is working on this?



What programs have been successful in removing plastic safely from the oceans and who is working on this?



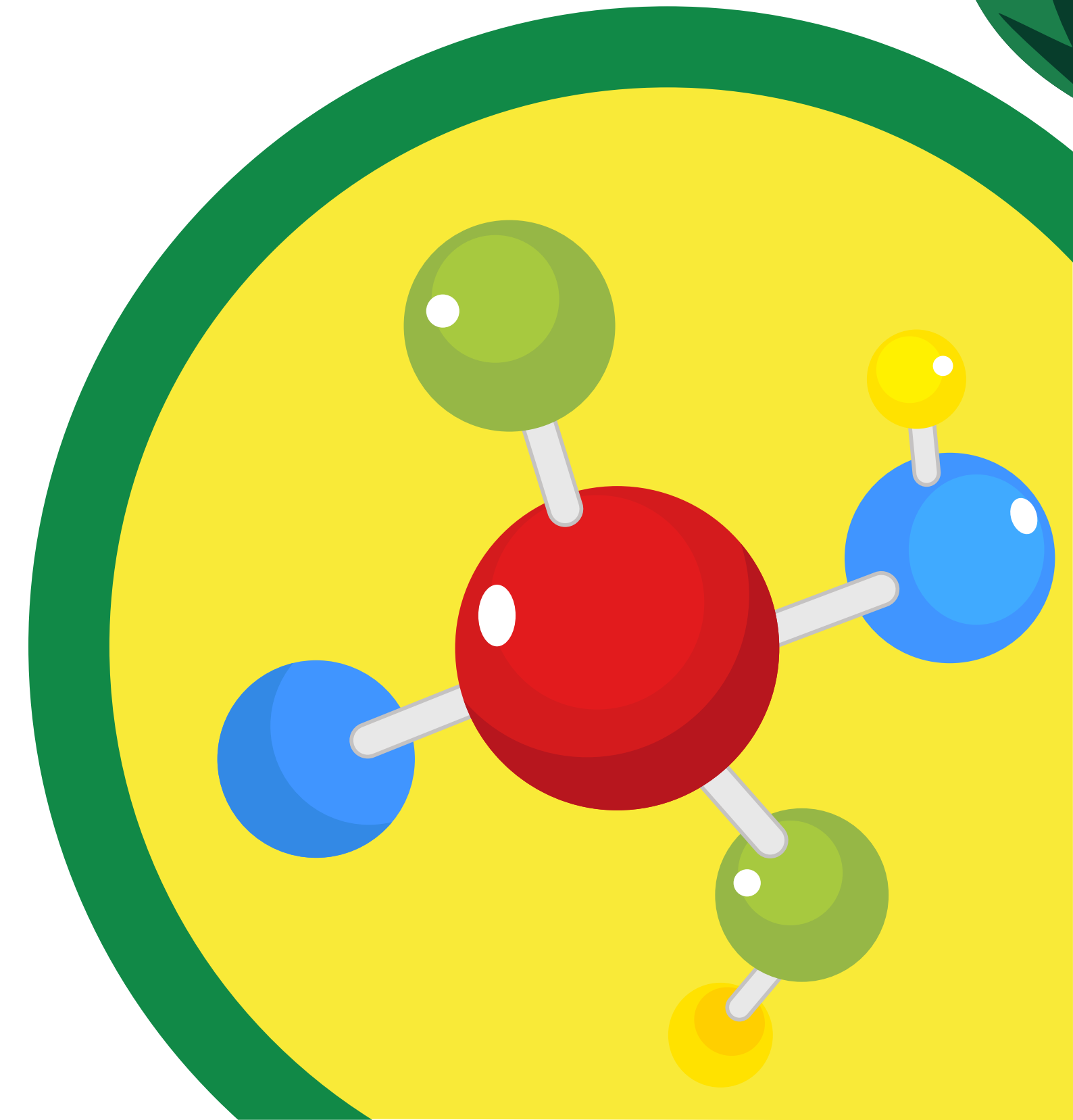
How can biofuels shift consumer options and provide farmers with a safe, effective and non-polluting resource and who is working on this?



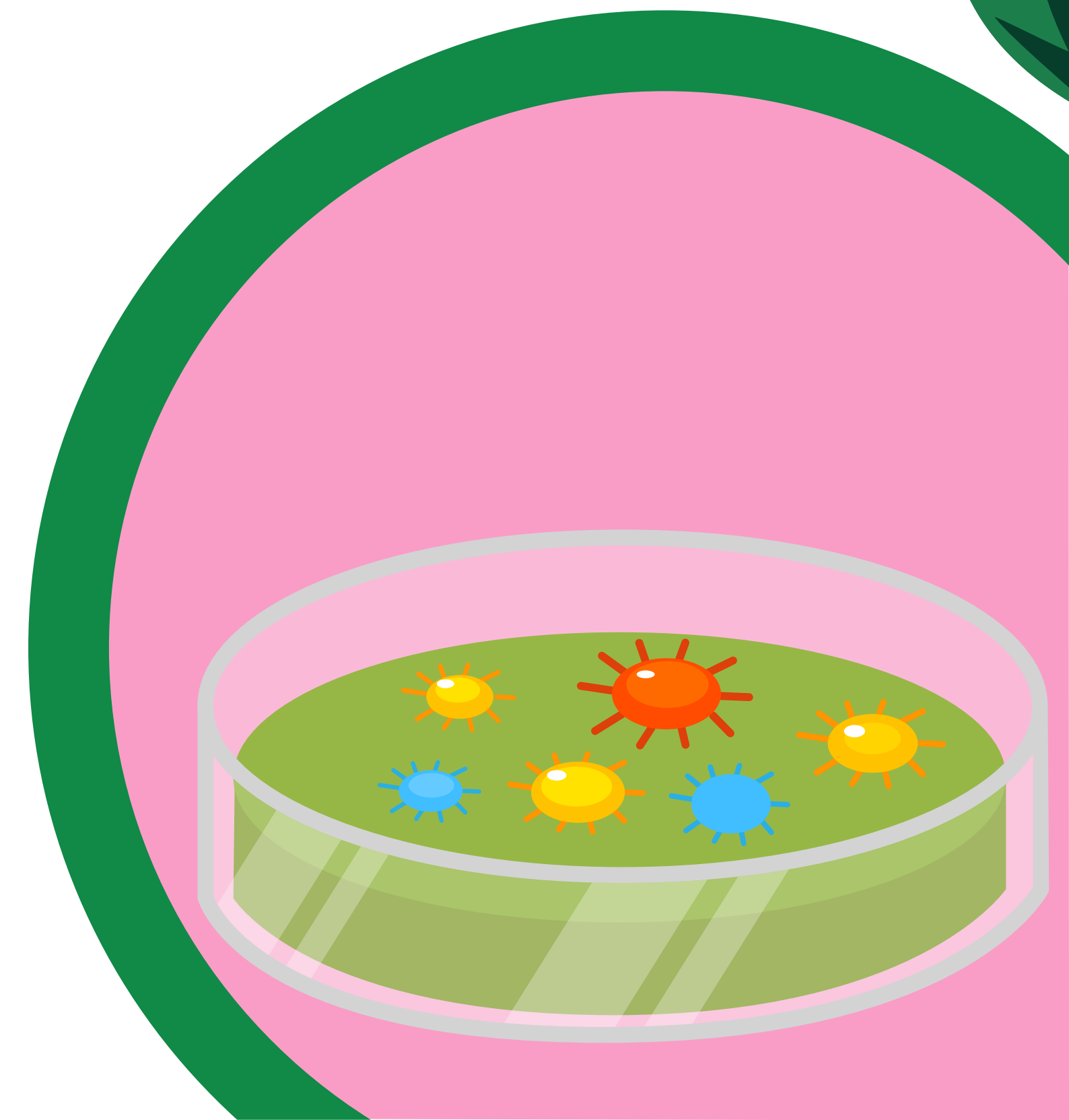
How can mushrooms and other fungi be utilized to break down plastics?



Styrofoam and who is working on this?



What programs, techniques or equipment has been effective in removing contaminants from water and who is working on this?






We thank you for joining with us in this Eco-AfriKin journey. Together we amplify the issues and voices that need to be heard. As the Eco-AfriKin Workshop continues to evolve with enhanced participation and expanded structure, we will establish formats for more interaction and connection. Within the development, we will host virtual forums to broadcast selected speakers and situations. Ideally, we will be able to highlight circumstances that may be overlooked by mainstream media and provide outlets for others to get involved. The strength of the network comes from the diverse assortment of our AfriKin tribe connecting around the world in solidarity. Ultimately, AfriKin is here to make the world a better place and we get results by being proactive, positive and sincere. By focusing on the grassroots in many spheres, we strive to become a conduit that unifies hearts and minds. Our reward is sharing a life well lived and the joys of the day, so we all feel that revival and gain a sense of purpose fulfilled.

Eco-AfriKin Creed

With Eco-AfriKin, we are here to uplift our global community. By engaging with our planetary consciousness, we strengthen bonds that goes beyond borders and locales. To meet the dynamic needs of various ecosystems, we are tapping into our Earthly essence to shape a more balanced society. Our goals are action oriented and our process is comprehensive, so we are asking you to join Eco-AfriKin as we take these many steps together.



The AfriKin mission creates opportunities for sharing conscious experiences with redefined global citizens - now known as AfriKin. The term AfriKin is the fusion of two words — “Africa (the continent) and kinship (a sharing of characteristics or origins)”. AfriKin brands the name of a cohesive, contemporary and distinctive cultural identity – created by generations of a future-focused, transcontinental populace exploring ethnic exchange with creative programming and positive media. The term signifies the platform empowered to revolutionize a new way of being and delivers content inspired by a planetary community.

Fundamental values are renewed to share different perspectives on the future as an international society, whilst grounded in the deepest roots. AfriKin's central theme features discussions on the necessity of love as a unifying force across our diverse and distinguished communities - love for self, others and nature itself.

Join us as we grow together.

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