

Framing justice as part of transformative sustainable development



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IF the mine comes it will
Pollute our water and
destroy our land. We
will move away to live
in township with out
the space we need to
farm. This land means
everything to us.
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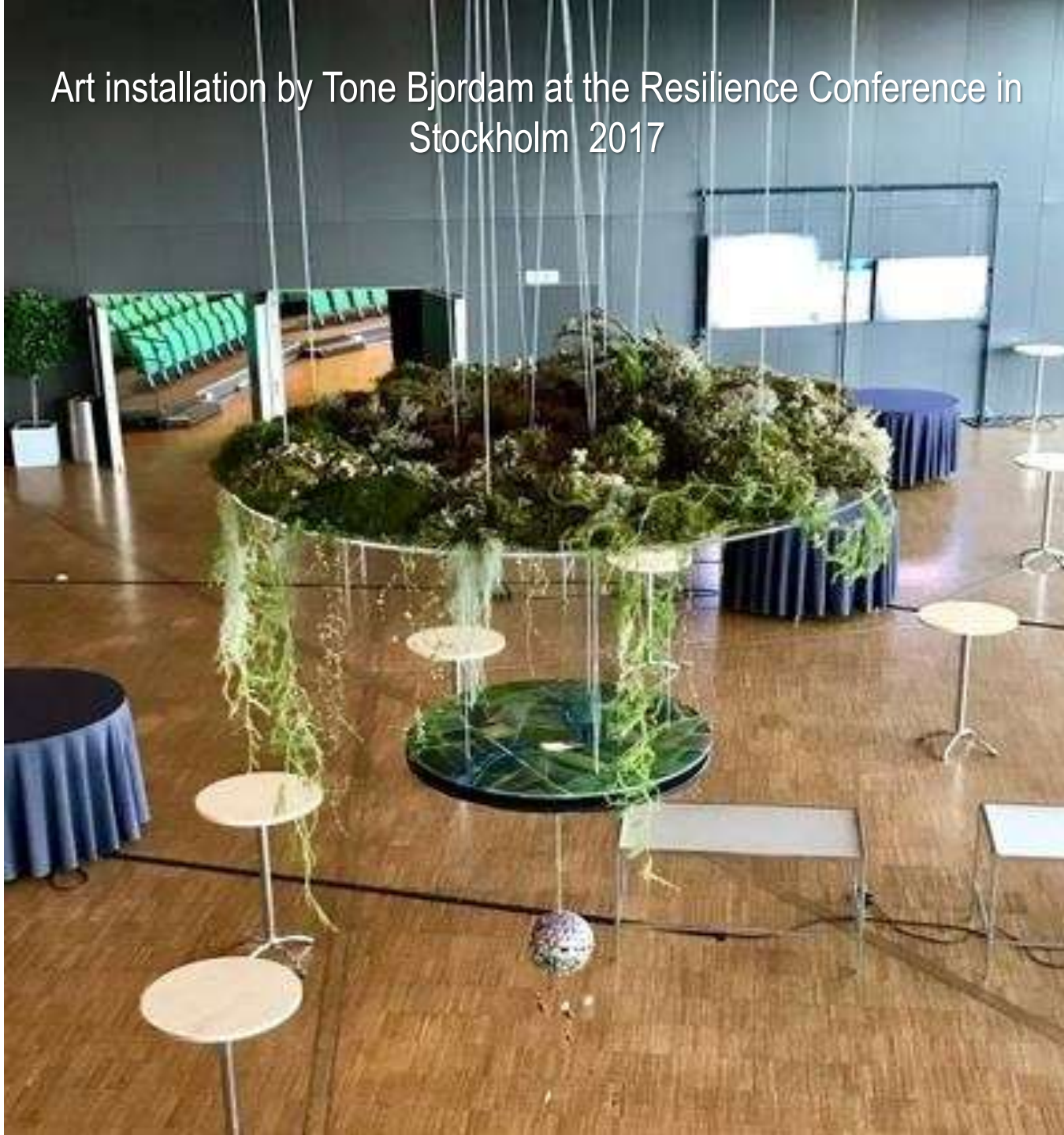
At Stockholm Resilience Centre



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A programme at Stockholm Resilience Centre

Art installation by Tone Bjordam at the Resilience Conference in Stockholm 2017





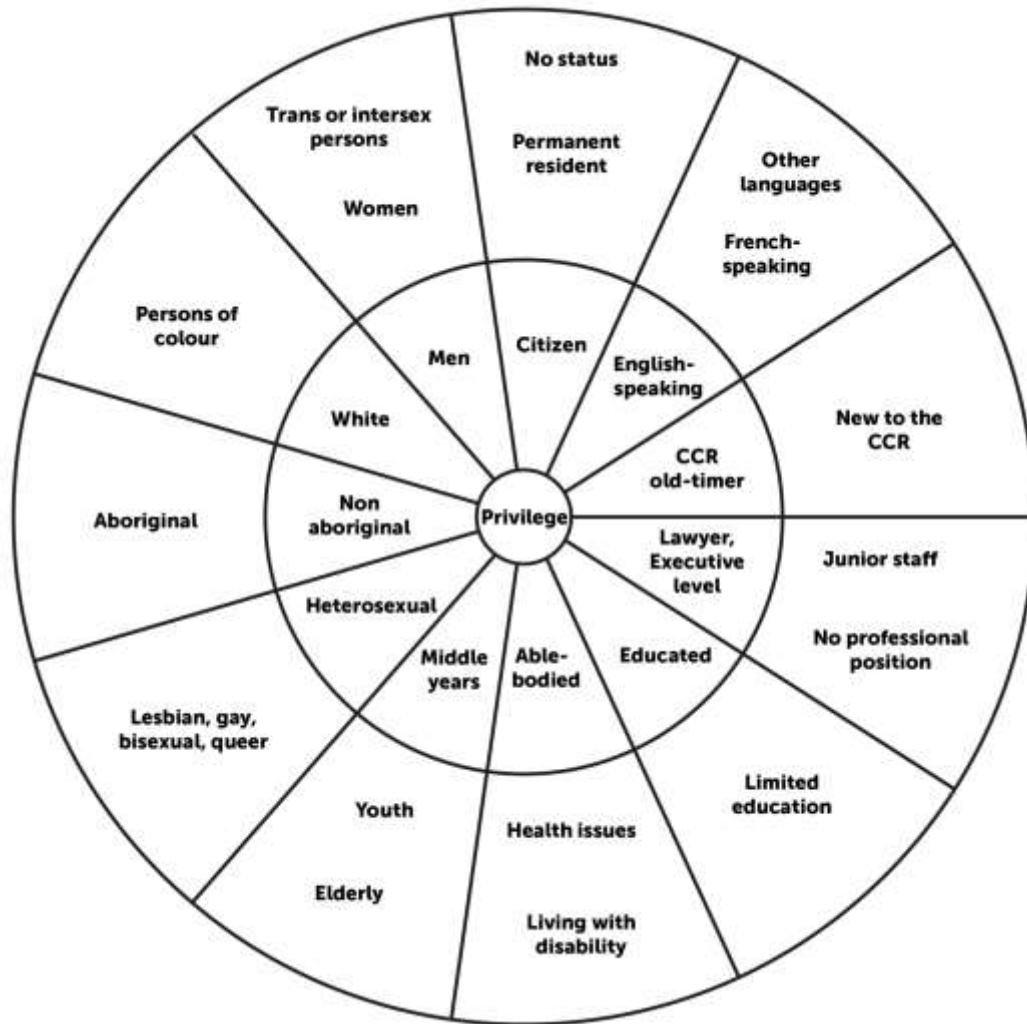
Equity of what, between whom?



Resilience of what, for whom?

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Power wheel



Canadian Council for Refugees, <http://ccrweb.ca>

Work built on dichotomies:

Resilient, vulnerable,
sustainable, equitable,
GN/GS/..GE?, environment vs
development, resourced,
capacitated, capable

Know its more complex: CAS,
Intersectionality

Power:

Visible, invisible & hidden

Material, discursive & ideological

Intersectionality

Cacari-Stone et al. 2017



- **Analytical tool**
- **Theoretical approach**
 - Patterns/ processes of inclusion and oppression
 - Focuses on intersections of social categorisations
- **Reflexive tool**
 - Humble Geographies/ Vulnerabilities (Saville 2020)
“...means humble vulnerability – open to empathic understanding, open to other people's fragilities and idiosyncrasies, open to messy collaboration, and open to being wrong. Humbly vulnerable to being utterly confused and so awash in data that you have no idea where to begin or what direction to take ...”(Saldana 2018)
- **Advocacy/Allyship**
- **Development practice : GESI**

Slow violence (Nixon 2011)

- Induced environmental conditions that cause active harm to the people they affect. Harm is slow, ill-defined, and recognized in retrospect, when its perpetrators are long gone.
- Importance of narratives
- This narrative understanding is important because slow violence defies most conventional understandings of harm. Whilst its victims and perpetrators may be human, the way it plays out is environmental
- ‘Out of sight’ is a relative term; to those afflicted by slow violence it is rarely unnoticed. What consigns it to the category of ‘out of sight’ is its lack of political recognition
- <http://unevenearth.org/2021/03/slow-violence/> : *Ben Shread-Hewitt*

Transformative & just sustainable development based on transgressive practices

Reliance on building resilience and adaptive capacity but in order to break with maladaptive resilience of unsustainable systems- strengthen *transgressive learning and disruptive capacity-building* (Lotz-Sisitka et al. 2015)

Transgressive practices *focus specifically on structures of privilege, hegemonies of power, and innovative strategies to arrest systemic dysfunction or systemic violence, and it foregrounds epistemic, social and environmental justice* (Temper et al. 2019)

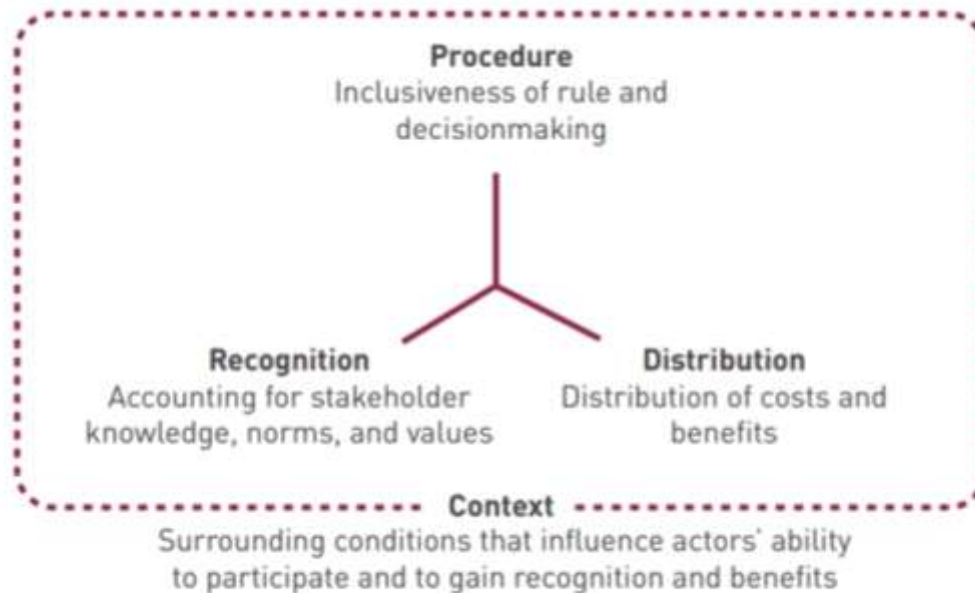
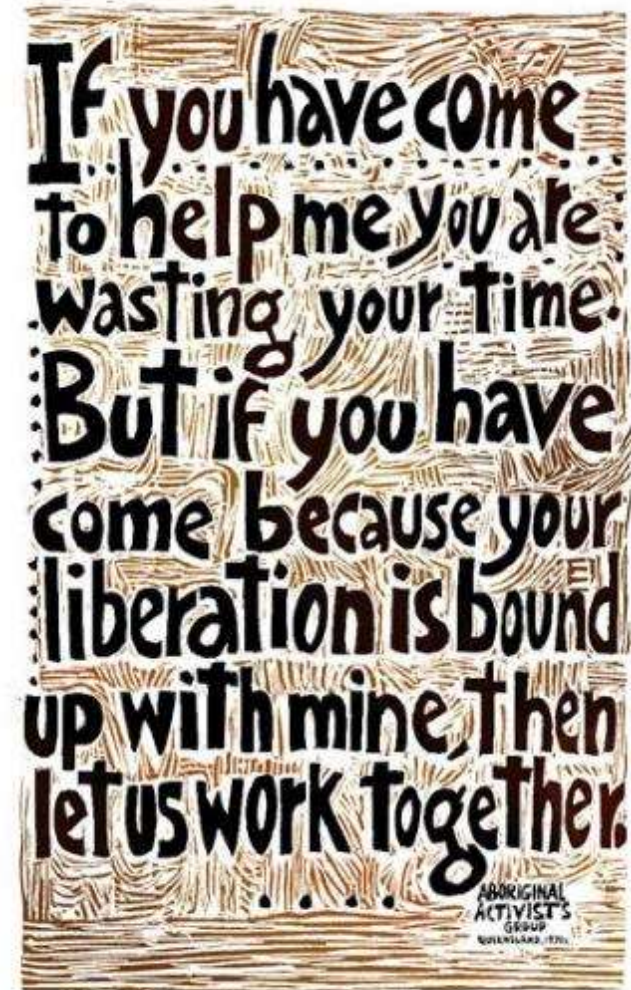
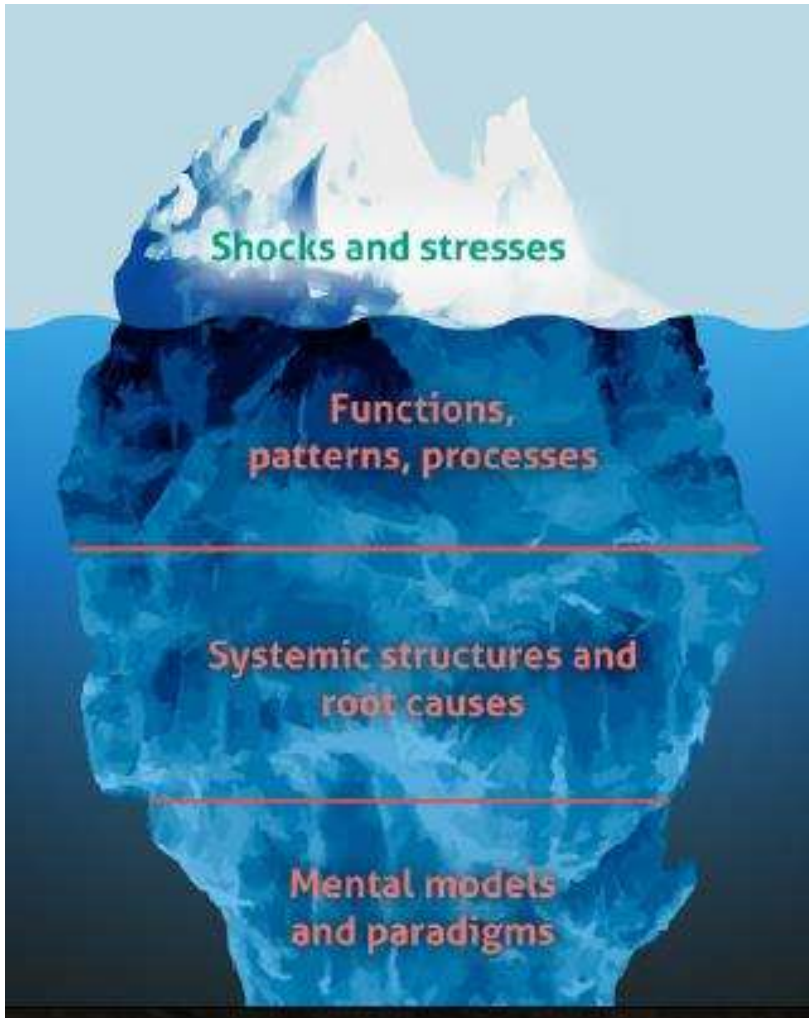


Figure 1: A multi-dimensional framework of equity [Pascual et al. 2014]

Ways of working: heads, hearts and hands

- Naming power relations, working productively, authentically, ethically and with care?
- Correct histories & legacies
- Epistemic justice
- Incentivise Southern-based intellectual leadership on their *own terms*
- Inclusive language - new vocabularies
- Challenge global knowledge hierarchies
- Composition of the team - pluriversal lived experiences and perspectives
- Resource allocation
- Division of labour, equitable benefits, intellectual leadership
- Many many more questions.....
- Transforming Education for Sustainable Futures see <https://tesf.network/resources-library/>



The quote is often attributed to Brisbane area activist leader Libby Wilson who was a member of the group that created the statement.
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