

Gaia-Wise Workshop

contribute to a new initiative for transformative change

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*'In Gaia we are just another species, neither the owners nor the stewards of this planet.
Our future depends much more upon a right relationship with Gaia
than with the never-ending drama of human interest'
James Lovelock : 'The Ages of Gaia' p14*

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- what might constitute a 'right relationship with Gaia' and how might we achieve it, how might we, as a species, become Gaia-Wise?
- with Gaia, the science is just the beginning, as it was with the Copernican revolution - the world view provided by Earth System science has many cultural and social implications which fall within the wider concept of Gaia and need to be explored
- the workshop will examine how the Gaia system works and where humans fit in
- it will consider how humanity's deep rooted belief that it is separate from, and superior to, the rest of nature has fuelled the fictional realities behind the 'never-ending drama of human interest'
- it will explore how, by accepting that 'in Gaia we are just another species', we can begin the transformational change necessary to achieve a 'right relationship with Gaia'
- the GSI is the natural home for the Gaia-Wise Initiative, and this workshop will be the inaugural event
- as an organism you are 'pure Gaia', as Lynn Margulis puts it, you are a 'permutation of the wisdom of the biosphere', a wisdom that has been accumulating over 3,600 million years
- bring your wisdom to the workshop and contribute to this new initiative •

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