The Narrative Power of Nature
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Today I want to invite you to be a **Story Activist**

- What is story?
- The geography of story
- Three stories you need to tell
- A simple way to create collective wisdom
Our stories, like our protected areas, are places where we can meet, gain a new understanding of each other and the wider world, and experience once again how we are intrinsically connected.
What is a story?

A bitesized piece of sense & meaning making.

Compelling Story

\[ \text{Head} + \text{Heart} = \text{Action} \]

- **Container**
- **Map**
- **Lens**
- **Values**
- **Sifting**
- **Connector**
- **Frame**
- **Link**
- **Goal**

**What question could change your life?**
Beginning → Middle → End → Beginning
The Breath Pattern

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Continuity
The thing that will never change
Identity, Values, Principles

Novelty
Imagine...
Possibilities, innovation, the new

Transition
Change & learning
The journey, progressing

ALIGNMENT          MEANING          MOVEMENT

David Cooperrider, Appreciative Inquiry
This is a rotating task -- we will all be the storyteller, the harvester, the witness.

**Storyteller:** Take us to a moment when life asked you to step up with courage and you did. (2 - 3 minute story)

**Harvester:** What helped the storyteller step up? What are the conditions that support courage to be present? (Create at least 2 sticky notes)

**Witness:** Report back to the storyteller: “What is alive in me now from your story is...”

5 min per Storyteller (story + feedback) in the last 5 minutes move to group dialogue.

**Final Round:** “The gift for me from our stories is... “
You ARE a Story Activist!

We live in a story and that means we can CHANGE it.

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