

About the Facilitation Team

This team formed in 2014 to co-facilitate the first Earth Leadership Cohort at a Joanna Macy workshop and has led several Work That Reconnects programs since then. Each member brings a rich background of related experience and abundant ideas for keeping the work fresh for each unique group. The harmony of their styles is energizing.



Aravinda Ananda is a social ecologist with a master's degree in environmental management from Yale. She is finishing a forthcoming book called *Living rEvolution*, which articulates and invites a united movement for whole-scale transformation in humanity's relationship with Life on Earth to be mutually enhancing. For the past 5 years she has been facilitating the *Work That Reconnects* and other modes of experiential learning that help integrate our intelligences and ignite our love and passion for healing the human-earth relationship. She is a member of the Interhelp Council and has been a part of many *Work That Reconnects* co-facilitation teams. Each day she feels honored to increasingly live the rEvolution and support others to do the same.

Markie Babbott is a clinical psychologist in Northampton, MA where she lives with her partner and two teenagers. Following her interests in mindfulness, creativity, Buddhism, and nature-based ritual, she pursued a master's degree in Ecopsychology from Naropa University through the Transpersonal Psychology Department (2011). She has been fortunate to study with Joanna Macy many times since 2007 and is grateful to have been a part of the ELC I and II. A published poet, she volunteers with the Connecticut Watershed branch of River of Words, a place-based educational approach that integrates poetry and visual art for k-12 students.



Kirstin Edelglass is a wilderness guide, ecological educator, psychosynthesis counselor, and trainer of council facilitators. She began studying with Joanna Macy fifteen years ago and facilitates the *Work That Reconnects* in a variety of settings, including as Joanna's assistant. Before developing the Earth Leadership Cohort for young adults, she founded a wilderness rite of passage program for adolescent girls in northern Maine and co-led a traveling semester for graduate students in Alaska. Writing, weaving, gardening, and singing provide other soul nourishment. She lives in Marlboro, Vermont with her husband and twin daughters.

Joseph Rotella is a musician, small business owner, activist, and lover of life. As a small business owner he has used this position in society to advocate for a better world. He has been vocal on various social justice and environmental issues and has had letters to the editor published, spoken on the radio, and testified at the MA statehouse. He has studied with Joanna Macy numerous times, is a member of the Interhelp Council and has been facilitating the *Work that Reconnects* for several years. With his wife, he enjoys spending his spare time making kombucha, pickling, keeping bees and growing vegetables.

