



# the possibility fellowship

a 12-week course  
reimagining possibilities  
- for you, others and the world

3 September - 27 November  
2 weekends & 5 Saturday afternoons

The Platform, Adelaide Terrace,  
Perth

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is  
this  
for  
you?

Are you on fire about growing  
more inclusive communities for all?

Do you or others close to you have  
first hand experience of barriers  
to belonging and participation?

Are you longing to make a difference  
and uncertain of the best way forward?

Or are you already actively engaged as  
a leader, policy maker, community  
connector, activist, scholar or social  
entrepreneur?

Do you feel overwhelmed by all the  
'wicked' problems the world is facing?

Are you looking for inspiration, hope  
and some fellow travellers?





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Growing pathways together

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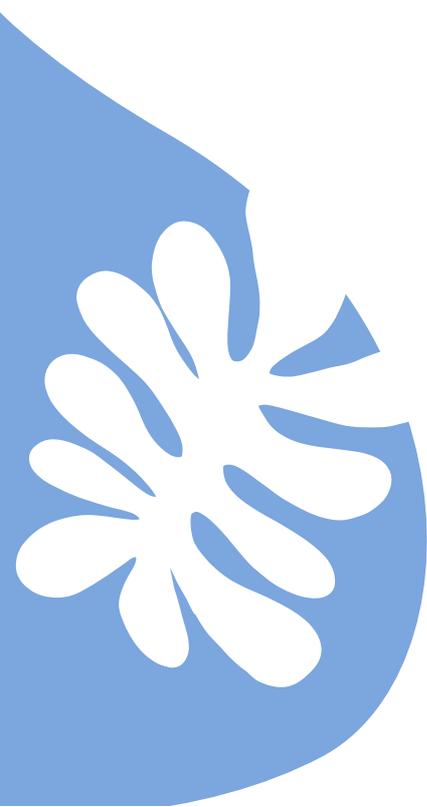
## What's it all about... in a nutshell?

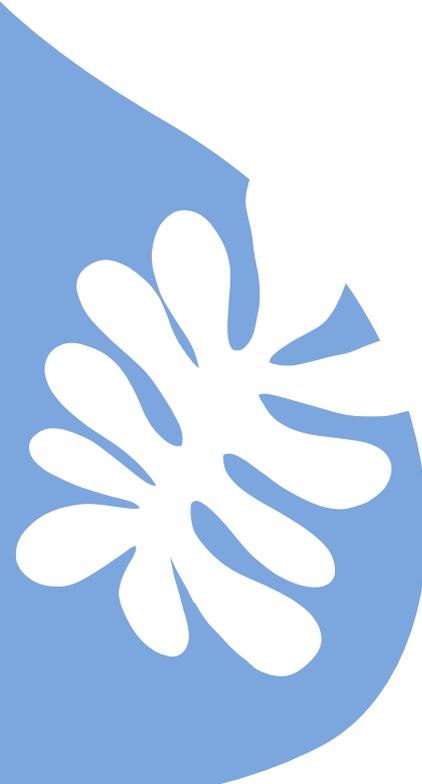
**grow your own passion project** Our focus is on you – your stories, gifts and passions – what lights your fire. Over 12 weeks, we invite you to imagine, nourish and grow your own seedling project. You can work solo or partner with one or more of your fellow participants. The course is highly interactive – rich in theory, games and creative practice. We support you to discover the difference that makes a difference, something new that you feel called to share in your community – whether you see yourself as an (emerging) leader, change-maker, connector, activist or an ordinary citizen who likes to help others. Finally, we invite you to share a window into your project at your graduation celebration.

## An interactive adventure...

**explore new ideas and old stories** The course offers a radically different approach to systems change where ancient wisdom meets modern science. We explore some big themes, including why we are here, what it means to be human, what stories and myths can serve us better, recent brain research, systems thinking, oral storytelling, gift discovery, the power of ritual, social entrepreneurship, redefining success, and bringing forth your creative project while embracing unexpected twists & turns.

This is a paid development opportunity for which we are able to offer generous bursaries. The full fee for the course is \$2500, however in your EOI we wholeheartedly encourage you to offer an amount that is affordable, given your personal circumstances.





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## Small group catch-ups and individual thinking

**meet  
companions  
on the  
journey**

Together with a couple of fellows, you'll be invited to carry a traditional tale through this course, to support your inner journey and transformation. Between sessions you and your fellows will be encouraged to catch-up online or in person. You will deepen your thinking, dreaming and planning for what you feel called to contribute in your community that aligns with your deepest pain as well as your unique gifts, passions, experiences and connections. Time commitment for small group meetings is flexible and can be agreed between you.

## Expressions of interest

**discover  
what's  
possible  
together**

Our intention is to create a genuinely inclusive space for a diverse range of 'possibility enthusiasts' to flourish in. If you are uncertain whether this course is for you, or have suggestions on how we can make this an accessible, inclusive space for you, please reach out to Peter or Nicola for a chat. If finances are a barrier, we have a range of discounts, bursaries and even the possibility of offering some other in-kind contribution that reflects your deep commitment and passion to make the most of this opportunity to grow your own project. Expressions of Interest are due by Saturday 6 August. Register to apply.

REGISTER NOW



# walking alongside you



The Possibility Fellowship is offered through Befriend and co-led by Peter and Nicola-Jane le Breton with other guest contributors. Both Nicola and Peter are Warm Data Lab hosts certified by the International Bateson Institute in Sweden.

## Meet Peter

Peter has experience in business, government and academia. He is a warrior for social justice, freedom and human potential. He has a PhD in Transformative Studies from California Institute of Integral Studies and awards from Murdoch University and the Australian Government for outstanding contributions to student learning.



*"Many times I have visited Peter's classroom, usually to inform the students of a change in the program. Each time Peter's classes have been a hive of activity, engagement, trust and connection."*

– Megan Jaceglav, Unit-Coordinator, OnTrack, Murdoch University

*"I realised that my dreams were in fact not mine. I felt empowered by you to reassess my goals for the future... Each week delivered me a new lesson in resilience and made me aware of how important a well-balanced psychological core is in getting the most out of life."*

– Danni Newman, Murdoch Uni student

## Meet Nicola

Nicola has a passion for nurturing authentic relationships and safe spaces in which people can open their hearts and minds and reflect together on what matters. She has Diplomas in Community Services and in Conservation & Land Management and is a graduate of Storytelling Beyond Words, at Emerson College in the UK. She has Master Facilitator certification in the Core Gift Discovery™ process.



*"You have a great gift for facilitating, Nicola. The care and compassion you have for your participants is clear. I really appreciated your gentle, patient, persistent coaching of all our expressions of ourselves. It was a very safe and comfortable environment."*

– Jeff Atkinson, Lawyer (participant in a 9-month oral storytelling program)

*"I have been actively involved in Nicola's community writing classes and training programmes for the last seven years. She listens to, guides and challenges people most capably. She invites and excites a group to go deeper as she sees the processes relating to her topic maturing and developing. I have found it a delight to be part of the invitation to the possibilities inherent in her rich sense of creative community."*

– Adrienne Riddell B.A. (Psych) Grad Dip Counselling and Group Work

# the offering



- An introductory weekend intensive to deep-dive into exploring who we are and why we're here. Includes an introduction to living systems theory, oral storytelling and gift discovery.
- 5 face-to-face gatherings coupled with creative activities to complete in your own time. Fortnightly gatherings are on Saturday afternoons from noon till 4pm and will include guest contributors.
- One extended session for a shared ritual, mid-course, possibly on Saturday 15 October (date TBC), when we will all bring a plate of food to share for dinner.
- An invitation to meet with your small group between sessions for mutual support, learning and creative play. We recommend allowing at least two hours between each in-person gathering for your own creative project development.
- Occasional connections with Peter/Nicola. Option to book a "Core Gift Interview" with Nicola or another certified Master Facilitator (not incl in course fees).
- The final weekend gathering is a festive celebration! Graduates of The Possibility Fellowship share the fruits of their explorations through dialogues, mini-workshops, storytelling, or in other creative ways, offering a window into your vision for inclusive community.

Session #	Day	Time	Mode	Format
1	<b>Saturday, 3 September, 2022</b>	9am-4pm	In person	<b>Introductory Weekend</b>
2	<b>Sunday, 4 September, 2022</b>	9am-4pm	In person	
3	Saturday, 17 September, 2022	12-4pm	In person	Gathering
4	Saturday, 1 October, 2022	12-4pm	In person	Gathering
5	Saturday, 15 October, 2022	12-8pm	In person	<b>Gathering/Dinner</b>
6	Saturday, 29 October, 2022	12-4pm	In person	Gathering
7	Saturday, 12 November, 2022	12-4pm	In person	Gathering
8	<b>Friday, 25 November, 2022</b>	7pm-8:30pm	In person	<b>Festive Sharing</b>
9	<b>Saturday, 26 November, 2022</b>	9am-5pm	In person	
10	<b>Sunday, 27 November, 2022</b>	9am-5pm	In person	

# what now?



## If you're feeling called to The Fellowship...

- Register for a 'free ticket' via our Humanitix event site for this program. You will receive an email with a link to an online Expression of Interest (EOI).
- Submit your EOI by Saturday 6 August.
- We will contact you to arrange a personal chat by Zoom or by phone to confirm our program is what you're looking for.
- Once you are invited to join The Fellowship, you can pay your nominated course fee, which will secure your place in the course.

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## About your EOI

- We are also happy to receive registrations by phone or by Zoom (or feel free to ask someone else to help you if filling out online forms are not your gig!)
- You can keep your answers short and simple. The EOI is just an opportunity for us to get to know you a little better.
- Your EOI is also an invitation for you to reflect on what matters to you and how this course might help you.
- Please feel free to include the name and contact details of a referee (someone who knows you well) if you would like us to chat with them about your passion to contribute to inclusive communities. Or you might like to invite them to join you for a chat with us to discover if this course is for you.

## Invitations to join the Fellowship

We'd like to maintain an upper limit of 18 people in this Fellowship. Should we receive more EOIs than we have places available, we may take into consideration:

- the date we receive your Expression of Interest
- your passion to contribute to more inclusive communities
- how best we can support you with the Fellowship program
- the diversity of participants' backgrounds and project ideas

We are considering running another program in March–May 2023.

If you have any queries, concerns or need help to register, you can reach Peter and Nicola at: [peter@befriend.org.au](mailto:peter@befriend.org.au) | [nicola@befriend.org.au](mailto:nicola@befriend.org.au)

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*How do we think our way through the  
messes we're in when the way we think is  
part of the mess?  
- Nora Bateson*

The course is offered in a spirit of fellowship  
– meaning respect, appreciation, personal  
sharing and mutual learning.

Whatever gives your  
life meaning and  
purpose, however you  
are contributing to  
the world, whatever  
new seed-ideas may  
be sprouting in your  
mind, this course aims  
to give you more  
clarity, energy and joy  
–so you can make a  
difference that makes  
a difference.

is  
this  
for  
you?

Some of your  
presumptions might  
be challenged, and  
you might be  
stretched. The course  
is personal,  
interactive, and a little  
wild. There's a danger  
you could become  
more cheerful,  
exuberant and  
want to dance.

Join us on a journey to light up your creativity  
and, through the surprising perspectives that this  
course offers, discover new aspects of who and  
how you are. This work, both profound and  
playful, kindles renewed vigour and  
well-grounded hope.



#### **Our Vision**

Our vision is an inclusive, connected world

#### **Our Purpose**

We exist to spark human connection between people from diverse  
backgrounds, to grow inclusive communities in which all people are  
valued and belong

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