



What could ASP become?



The awakening of human consciousness is no longer a luxury—it is a necessity for the survival of our species. It is up to each of us as individuals to embody the state of aware presence and thus rise above the egoic mind and its dysfunction.

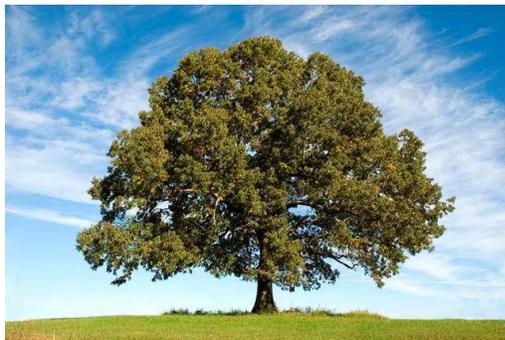
When a sufficient number of humans undergo this transformation, this will bring healing and sanity to our planet.”

—Eckhart Tolle





Future Self Now is an embodying process – freeing us from the illusions and problems constructed by our ‘egoic mind’...



... into ways of being in the world that truly make a difference – ways of being that are more heart-centred, inspired, effective and sustainable.

Why this kind of visualisation?

- It is felt, not invoked or intellectualised
- There is greater buy-in to the vision because it has come from an inner *knowing* and a deeper understanding of the connection between our purpose and the purpose of the organisation

Background

In July and August 2021, six board members and two former board members and members of the Wisdom Council participated in *Future Self Now* visualisations led by Theresa Sansome.

The purpose of these visualisations was to access each person's 'unconscious intelligence'* about the future of ASP. Through this process each visualizer gained greater and, most importantly, heart-felt, clarity about their involvement in ASP and about what is truly possible for the organization - free of all considerations of past (and indeed current) experiences and assumptions.

The following report summarizes the outcomes and commonalities of these visualisations. In reference to these summaries I provide some direct quotes from the participants where I find that they are representative of the consensus (each participant is represented by a different colour). The aim is to provide a clearer, felt vision for the future that the board can present to the membership for further discussion and approval.

* See original proposal document for more information

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Most common keywords used to describe the Future Self of ASP (FS-ASP)

Thriving

International

In flow / allowing

Trusted

Unique

Energising

Light touch

Inclusive / Diverse

Building on people's strengths

Nurturing

Community/fellowship

Creative

Supportive

Inter-generational

Hopeful

Fostering inter-connection

Flexible

Generous

The structure of FS-ASP

- Global
- Inter-generational
- Inclusive & diverse
- Non-hierarchical and reliant on no one person
- Wisdom Council thriving
- Flexible – light-touch
- Created by the energy that is drawn to it
- Sub-groups and networks being created and encouraged
- Dynamic and running itself
- Energy moving outwards and inwards – like a beehive

Building Community & Forum

- Wide spectrum of people across the world – all with a common aim
- The community is youthful, free and diverse benefitting from the energy of its elders
- Partnerships and relationships are nourished and continually expanding
- It is a platform for sharing wisdom, encouraging independent projects and advocacy
- It inspires loyalty, openness, passion, energy and creativity
- It is generous in spirit – like nature

Building credibility and attracting great people

- ASP has built relationships and links with organisations, universities and government
- It has established itself as the primary forum in this field: “If you want to truly prepare for sustainability and prepare people for tomorrow, you need to refer to ASP”
- It attracts people from all over the world and from all walks of life because it is inclusive, diverse, energetic, flowing, open, heart-focused and encouraging of individual creativity
- “It’s attracting people who are passionate, forward-looking, productive, positive and dynamic.”

Nurturing the individual and building on their strengths

- ASP encourages and nurtures individual creativity and self-expression. “ASP invites in the whole person, not just the corporate side, but the heart of each individual too”
- ASP provides the context and support for members to pursue their own projects
- There are lots of opportunities to learn, discover and build but at the same time there is no pressure, just flow and spaciousness



Appendices

The structure and governance of the FS-ASP

- ASP is structured simply. It's agile.
- The structure comes from the energy that's drawn in. It doesn't need to have structure itself, it's a given by whatever is being drawn to it
- It's not ASP's job to know its purpose so much as being available to the expansion that comes through it. It is what it is, and what it needs to be. Draws people and their ideas – all feeling the calling, and they work it out.
- The Wisdom Council supports a new generation of change facilitators
- Governance is sure-footed, light touch – efficient and judicious. No one included is core to the way it's run – practice of shared leadership and activities that plays to people's strength with room for growth.
- Role-modelling flexible communication and management to navigate the complexity of the world we live.
- The organisation is proud and confident about this – communicates this.
- A wide range of groups have self-formed in the network because that's where the energy is.
- Also a number of networks formed like micro eco-systems whilst still communicating with wider network.
- The network is generous with its knowledge and expertise to give everyone what they need.

The structure and governance of FS-ASP

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- Feels global and more about fellowship than providers and receivers. It isn't about hierarchy, more about taxonomy.
- A Fellowship supporting each other from all directions - energy is moving out from centre of concentric circles as well as inwards from mentors and past masters.
- Like an oak tree, the very strong roots of RBP can really help ASP grow.
- Can be anywhere – it's international.
- ASP holds access to any and every sector, geography and knowledge
- ASP is thriving and allowing people to play in ways that have not been available before – building real change.
- They realise they are a body that is placed in a unique position (at unique time in the world) to play a part that others weren't playing.
- Here is an opportunity to play with these people and build force and ideas and see a world with a million ASP kind of people around the world. One organisation to shape minds and build futures, like a university.
- ASP has moved beyond a limited euro-centric structure and become a thriving organisation that sees itself as global

The structure and governance of FS-ASP

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- Satellite groups within working on projects.
- Feels very dynamic, and running itself – people reporting at AGM all the wonderful projects they're involved in
- Lots of partnerships with other organisations etc.
- Like a beehive – going out into the world and then coming back and sharing what they've got. Very active and creative.

Providing community and forum

- *“It is possible that the next Buddha will not take the form of an individual. The next Buddha may take the form of a community - a community practicing understanding and loving kindness, a community practicing mindful living. This may be the most important thing we can do for the survival of the earth”. ~ Thich Nhat Hanh. Same with ASP*
- They are young, they are free, a community, diverse, outdoors and human and flawed. They are ASP.
- Opening partnerships and nourishing relationships far beyond what it is in 2021 – meeting the needs and demands of the day – reaching places not gone before.
- ASP realised it’s not about a few events and meetings, it’s about responding and nourishing partnerships. Created a new paradigm out of the people coming out of universities around the world. ASP very happy to be a platform to encourage these people.
- Quite unusual in that it embraces big spectrum of traditional corporate people to nature practitioners. Its uniqueness is how broad it is gathering people around a common aim of loving the earth and wanting to do better for it.
- Sense that the elders, even if they’ve taken a back seat, they are still around, making guest appearances, staying engaged and interested even if they’re not taking an active role. Their lovely energy is still around.
- ASP inspires a real loyalty.
- Moving from corporate into the personal and marrying the two so that it’s more open and passionate.

Providing community and forum

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- ASP is a non-physical hub, but people are going out in the world and bringing it back to this virtual hub – independent projects etc.
- All projects are forward-thinking, cutting edge, heart centred, people-centric
- There are lots of different people, energy and colour, like at a festival - a great deal of diversity of energy. Lots going on.
- ASP gives energy. People feed off each other's energy. ASP is like the stage, a focus that draws people in and brings out the best in people.
- Real sense of community and wanting to be where they are – doing what feels right, and enjoying it. It's lively.
- Everyone feels it's the right place to be for them.
- The energy of ASP is freedom, no attachment, no fear. Responsive, creative, relevant, meaningful. There's no self-importance.
- Sense of a lot of energy. ASP has shared values of creating people that create their own shared values together.
- Cultivation of the individual and community. Learning and sharing from shared wisdom.
- Being able to share with each other without competitiveness – giving not having to monetise. Not commercialised.
- Can be anywhere – it's international.
- This field of energy is inspiration for young people and everyone. Something about generosity – life is generous. Learning from our planet and life.

Building credibility and attracting great people

- ASP builds credibility such that people say “if you want to truly prepare for sustainability and preparing people for tomorrow, you need to refer to ASP - to understand what that model is.”
- Partnerships in universities all around the world. Shackles broken and things happened. Started with the UK, but partnerships were built and they’re so proud to do that.
- It’s operating inclusively – draws on knowledge of network about inclusive means for this network.
- It’s representative of its community and that makes it stronger because it includes a whole range of perspectives.

Building credibility and attracting great people

- Credibility on all levels.
- ASP grows in profile – becomes more known and sought after.
- Building links with government – government coming for briefing papers etc.
- Advocacy potential too with the government, on an ad-hoc basis.
- Encouraging members to come with proposals for advocacy, projects etc, and running with them
- ASP is the anthesis of “we’re all doomed”. It’s attracting people who are passionate and forward-looking and wanting to be productive. No navel-gazing. Positive and dynamic.
- Word of mouth and shared experience of events that it runs has expanded the membership
- ASP role models what it wants to see all the time.

Nurturing the individual and building on their strengths

- ASP is providing a forum for what's at the heart of each person – providing that space for others to share their creativity and who they are. ASP invites in the whole person, not just the corporate side, but the heart of each individual too.
- Members are all very energetic – bubbling with ideas and inspiration and possibility of change. It's been so transformational for themselves and therefore that goes out to everyone. They are very proud – it's a matter of pride for them. They want ASP because they get ideas and inputs that they rarely get elsewhere. It's a transformative way of learning and living that satiates a real hunger for all this.
- They are sensing all this deep within themselves. ASP has transformed from an organisation that did a few events to something where everyone is touched deeply within - from directors, and outwards.
- ASP is a kind of guild: not didactic, it's "I can help you do what you can uniquely do. I give context and let you do the complexity of your unique abilities".

Nurturing the individual and building on their strengths (cont'd)

- The membership love that ASP is somewhere they can express themselves, not forced, there are lots of opportunities. New things to learn and discover.
- ASP delivers these opportunities by being really open to what members deeply want to do – how they can fulfil their lives purposefully. ASP can help discern that, and help shape that, by providing connection with individuals and fostering inter-connection.
- To bring various elements together and let them be, and then let them go. Attract and let that go where it needs to go. Not holding onto things. Let them emerge and see where they need to go.
- Image of old-fashioned lace – threads are faded, design is inspired by nature, Fibonacci series – everyone is true to their own thread but a part of the design. The lace is stronger because of being together. Each thread supports a thread around it.
- Learning is deep – lots of different sorts. Some learning in groups, some online. Speakers and presentations.
- “We can take the best from the past and learn about it and develop it.”
- ASP can relate to a lot of different levels of people’s lives – helping people work within the planet and social justice.
- Taking principles and saying: “how can we grow them outwards?”
- If we can build on the strength that people bring, that’s how we will be creative.