**A Collaborative Research Manifesto.**

We’ve lost touch. We are left unsure of what really matters and do not know where we are heading.

How do we proceed through our precarious times? How can we harness such uncertainty? Our answer is together.

It’s time to unite! Following these 10 statements will help us navigate a way forward together.

1.     Produce and mobilize valuable knowledge together.  Come together with TRUST and respect for individual and group knowledge. Jointly engage through critical responsibility. Find common ground. Embrace the risk of failing together and work towards greener pastures.

2.     Share diverse points of view; hear all voices.  Promote the power of argument and compromise to work through problems as they are perceived.

3.     Seek Cooperation. Reject Competition.  The goal is to form mutual directions. Equalize risks-rewards. Inputs-outputs. Celebrate and harness diversity. Do not turn against our goal or each other. Stay committed.

4.     Ignore Convention: flatten control. Let go of ego and notions of ‘high impact-publication’. Do good research. Do MEANINGFUL research. Flatten. FLATTEN. dynamics between us. Share roles, responsibilities, writing and doing.

5.     Entwine ACTION and reflection. Always striving to reach destinations will. stop. momentum. Play with and inject fluctuating tempos of action and thinking. Enact, react, step backwards, in circles, run out of control & sync cadences. But however we move, let’s move together.

6.     Stimulate joy in the process of meaningful collaboration.  Pleasure spurs and binds. Exhilaration can be found in the pursuit of partnership. Leverage community. Wonderfully generate the conditions for creativity freedom together. This will amplify and expand networks.

7.     Co-innovation for co-liberation.  Celebrate creative practices and innovating cross-fertilisations. Make room for the unstructured. Where might this take us? To be sure, these movements will lead to our emancipation.

8.     Learn to communicate through collaboration!  Accept initial frictions in the many (and different) voices. Always seek ways to share and understand. Take time. Give effort. Understand each other’s language to find shared meaning.

9.     No boundaries. Build bridges.

Feel the fear but do it anyway. Cooperative action is transformative, and hopeful. Cultivate and spread a collaborative mindset. Lay down and pass over bridges. Collectively build our future, but wherever we go, let’s go together!

10.  Dramatically change. Bring about environments, experiences, infrastructures, and events to nurture collaborative skillsets.

Ditch the siloed and tired approaches! Invest now in collaborative research