

# OD FOR LIFE GATHERING

March 20-23, 2024

*Canada*



## **WE ARE GATHERING TO SUPPORT TRANSFORMATION IN OUR WORK, IN THE FIELD, IN OURSELVES AND IN THE WORLD**

The world is increasingly recognizing the need for life-aligned leadership and organizations that contribute to ongoing regeneration of people and place.

But this isn't an individual task. It requires a collective shift across multiple scales.

This is where the field of Organizational Development has a vital contribution to make. And this is the transformation we are exploring together, through friendship, courage, shared learning and the wisdom of nature.

We invite you to join our global community's first gathering in North America/Turtle Island.



[www.odforlife.org](http://www.odforlife.org)

Our community emerged from a series of online conversations and annual gatherings in Europe. Guided by a shared commitment to align our work with life's ability to thrive, we collectively crafted a bold "maniflexo." And we have actively cultivated a space of inquiring together, welcoming diverse gifts, and care for each other.

This is how we are finding courage and clarity to act in ever more life-aligned ways in our work and in the world.

Now, we invite new, diverse voices and perspectives as we explore ways to practice deeper alignment with life in our work and, most of all, in ourselves.





What you can expect in joining us is a space and time:

- To be courageous in acknowledging the truths of our time and our work.
- To engage authentically with nature – to slow down; to come back to body and senses; to deepen our capacity to connect with life and all its guiding wisdom.
- To connect with the intelligence of the collective – this is not teaching or advocating, but a place for mutual discovery and support.
- To inquire and work at multiple levels: field, practice, project and self.

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We will arrive together the evening of Wednesday March 20th.  
Over the next two days, our inquiry will follow the path below.  
Saturday March 23th we will close and depart at 10am.

## THURSDAY MARCH 21

### MORNING

#### ALIGNING WITH LIFE

Who are we, those who have gathered here?

What – or who – is this this land that will hold us during our time together?

What does this moment in history mean for us as individuals and for the field of OD (broadly defined)?

How will we find courage and clarity through deeper ways of knowing and honouring Indigenous wisdom?

### AFTERNOON/ EVENING

#### SENSING A SHARED CALLING

What is the shift we're called together to support?

How can the work of OD be essential to this moment, uniquely capable of contributing some vital aspect of a more thrivable world?

## FRIDAY MARCH 22

### MORNING

#### TENDING THE FIELD

How do we cultivate and deepen our reciprocal and emergent field of relationships?

How can we support each other in learning and practice?

What responsibility do we choose to take on together?

### AFTERNOON/ EVENING

#### SOWING SEEDS OF ACTION

Where do we place ourselves in transition?

What commitments are we willing to make?

What are the ways we might resource ourselves going forward?  
What questions will need to be explored further?



# Hosting team & stewards



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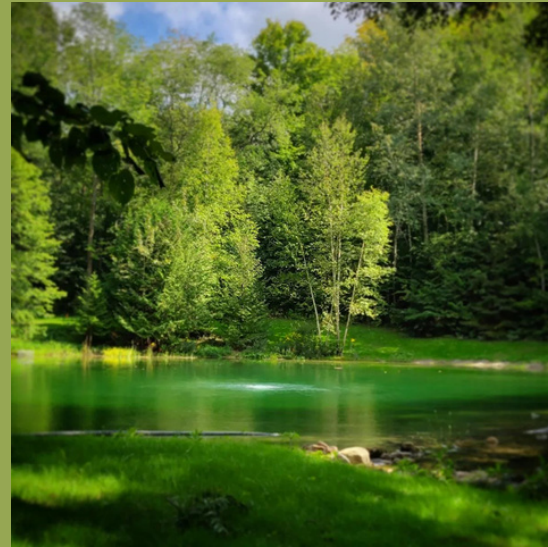


# The Land that will hold us

Our hosts at the Ecology Retreat Centre define “ecology” as “beings supporting beings for life.” How wonderful.

We will gather there, deep within 200 acres of forest, brooks and woodland trails. This is the traditional territory and ancestral lands of the Tionontati (Petun), Attawandaron (Neutral), Haudenosaunee (Six Nations), and Anishinaabe peoples. The Centre is located in Orangeville, Ontario, 85 km NW of Toronto

We will spend time each day connecting with the land. Our meeting space will be filled with sunlight, with the option to be warmed further by a fire, and we'll be nourished by delicious home-cooked meals.



308046 Hockley Rd, Mono, ON  
[www.ecologyretreatcentre.com](http://www.ecologyretreatcentre.com)

# Registration

This gathering is being provided at cost. The team of hosts are donating their time in service of the OD for Life community. The costs are as follows, not including 13% tax:

- Full cost (single room): \$975 CDN
- Full cost (shared 2-person room): \$915 CDN
- 3 subsidised spots (shared 2-person room): \$410 CDN

For subsidised spots, the subsidy is shared across the full cost of everyone else's payments as a way for all of us to support diversity and accessibility. As you RSVP at the link below, please let us know if you would like to request a subsidised spot.

Costs include 3 nights' lodging at the Ecology Retreat Centre, 8 delicious meals (dinner Wed; breakfast, lunch & dinner Thurs & Fri; breakfast Sat), snacks, beautiful meeting venue, meeting materials, wifi, campfire and more. You will be responsible for your own travel arrangements.

**[Click here to RSVP](#)**

For more information, you are welcome to join an upcoming OD for Life Friends call: November 28th 10am EST or 5:30pm EST

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Our cancellation policy is shaped by the policy of our venue. If you must cancel your registration, first: we'll miss you! Second, if you let us know before January 24, we'll be able to refund 75% of your payment. If between January 24 and March 6, we'll be able to refund 50% of your payment. On or after March 6, unfortunately we won't be able to offer any refunds. You are welcome to transfer your registration to someone else.