

# apprenticing to mastery

## the essence of living wholeness

### what time is it....

We have entered a threshold time, a time of steep evolution. The whole planet feels it; we know it, and many of us are ready to step into our next level of mastery to offer our fullest selves to a world that is calling ...

### learning ecology....

Since 2006, Axladitsa-Avatakia has become many things to many people. It is home to Maria and Sarah; it is an active olive farm producing organic olive oil; a place of renewal and retreat for friends and family, for sabbaticals and internships for learners of all types; a place of sharing and celebration for local and "translocal" friends, farmers and family. It has also become an intentional gathering space for collective learning with people from around the world inspiring a unique kind of *parea*, the Greek word for company, a sense of belonging, or more precisely, *what happens when you are in good company*.

Axladitsa is part of this larger story of people seeking profoundly different ways of living and working. We have hosted, mid-wived and are part of many networks of learners, leaders, pioneers, seekers and change agents who are asking powerful questions about their individual and our collective purpose and potential:

*"What is the world calling for and what is my/our part in shifting the systems that no longer serve us?"*

*"Can we live in harmony with the natural world and do meaningful work to create an economy for our families?"*

*"Where do we begin to shift how we govern, educate our children, protect the environment, nurture our organisations in a complex and chaotic world? " "What is leadership and how can we work and live from our centre with authenticity and courage? ..."*

## living wholeness....

At a more subtle level, together with the land we have been creating a container for a kind of collective re-remembering of what it means to be in intimate and integrated relationship with oneself, with others and our natural environment. This relationship allows us to live life with both what we can see – the visible – and also interact with what we sense is there but not visible. This is one of the hallmarks of Living Wholeness.

Living Wholeness offers a framework in integrating 'living systems' beyond theory and concept and into living practice. It is a framework for **being systemic at every level**, with ourselves, in our work and communities, and especially in relationship to all of life. We feel this is timely for our world as there is a strong pull to do systemic work, to shift small and large systems, to create more alignment with life.

Over the last 13 years, Maria and Sarah, through their hosting work in the world and now with living the hosting pattern every day at Axladitsa, have been discovering that Living Wholeness is both a world view and a tangible fabric that weaves together **qualities, practices and pathways**.

### **qualities of living wholeness:**

We live wholeness when we *re-member* our lineage of life and connect to a deeper sense of being part of a greater whole. When we are *resilient* in that we know that we can respond with respect and integrity no matter what life brings us, we live wholeness. When we know we *belong* to a place, community, earth, life and feel our indigenosity, we live wholeness. When we feel a deep sense of *responsibility* because we care and want next generations to live, we live wholeness. When we know that what we have is enough and that all we need is to be *resourceful* with this, we live wholeness.

### **practices:**

**The Art of Hosting** includes hosting conversations that matter, hosting meaning in place, hosting life and being hosted by the land. For us "hosting" is a pattern and practice of how to hold, understand and release the potential of people and the powers of place in service to a greater whole. Hosting is the modality, or the operating system that allows these potentials not only to meet and be transformed by it – but to move into wise action and into manifesting that potential.

Practices that have emerged from the collective practice of hosting with the land and people at Axladisa are **The Art of Protection, Sourcing, the Subtle Arts, Listening to Land, the Conscious Kitchen...**

### **pathways:**

We have begun to see a "pathway" of Living Wholeness – not as a static set of rules – more as an unfolding journey that has many different expressions. It is a pathway of living life with mastery, living life with the dance between the visible and the invisible, living life in unity. Seven streams, each with its own flow gives us a pathway.

### **the pathway includes:**

- Engaging with an invitation/call
- Accessing purpose, that which is being asked to be pursued
- Inviting diverse levels of participation
- Creating a learning ecology, a web of relationships that allows us to collectively learn and harvest this learning
- Opening to a relationship with powers of place so that natural and built environment also participate
- Tending to resources and economy, i.e. keeping one's home in order, with mutuality and reciprocity
- Working within an organising pattern that creates order naturally and allows continued emergence

### **immersion learning**

The Axladitsa Immersion is our invitation to our mates and their mates from around the world who are doing - or are ready to step into doing - extraordinary things in their own places. It is no longer good enough to not be at our full potential. And it is critical that we are in a community of learners, so we invite you to create with us a rich learning ecology with the land, each other, and with the body of work of Living Wholeness.

It's time to bring in *all* our stories, and this invitation to **Apprentice to Mastery** is an invitation to share our practices, mastery, art forms and questions to create a learning container to evolve not just our own but our *collective mastery*.

We invite you to come and be part of creating a container that brings together our visible world and selves and our invisible world ... the unknown and the mysteries, masteries and artistry that are accessible when we are in a community of learners in communion with the land.

Axladitsa is a place that calls forth those who are seeking a different way of living and working and being in the world to learn and inquire together into what we can offer this world together, to collectively learn and intentionally evolve.

We look forward to hosting you!  
*Maria, Sarah and Vanessa*

