

“Re: How activism can win faster and bigger”
(reply to Kumi Naidoo on Twitter platform)

(5 tweet thread, each tweet with accompanying text box; document form)
(on Twitter in replies to <https://twitter.com/kuminaidoo/status/1723465135803830593>)

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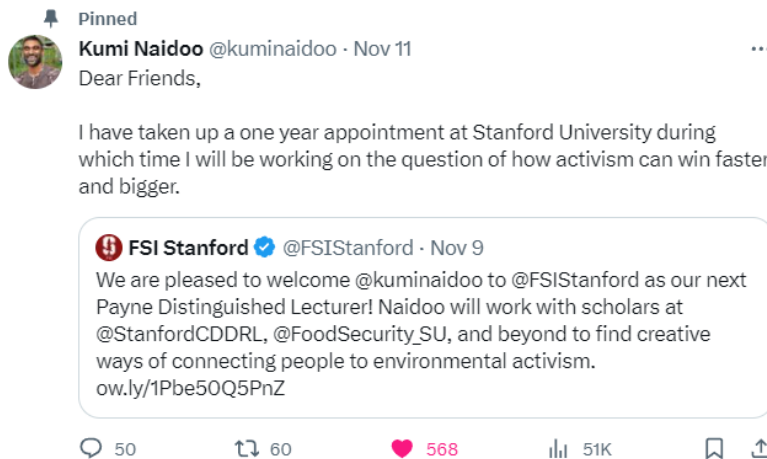
About Kumi Naidoo



(from Wikipedia webpage for Kumi Naidoo at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kumi_Naidoo)
“Kumi Naidoo (b 1965 in Durban, South Africa) is a human rights and climate justice activist. **He was International Executive Director of Greenpeace International (from 2009 through 2015)** and Secretary General of Amnesty International (from 2018 through 2019). Naidoo served as the Secretary-General of CIVICUS, the international alliance for citizen participation, from 1998 to 2008. As a fifteen-year old, he organised students in school boycotts against the apartheid regime and its educational system in South Africa. Naidoo’s activism went from neighbourhood organising and community youth - work to civil disobedience with mass mobilisations against the white controlled apartheid

government. Naidoo is a co-founder of the Helping Hands Youth Organisation. He has written about his activism in this period in his memoirs titled, Letters to My Mother: The Making of a Troublemaker. In the book Naidoo recounts the day of his mother’s suicide when he was just 15 and how it became a catalyst for his journey into radical action against the Nationalist Party’s apartheid regime.”

(Tweet I replied to--)



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Increase opportunities

re #rightlivelihood 📌

=more energy here/less there

<https://www.cpcsi.org/231-positive-tipping-point-orgs-and-insti>

+ many more

+ 5-10 page overviews

= #clearinghouse (see below)

=key to limiting Global Warming

minimizing # of disastrous

socio-cultural tipping points

which get triggered

with Activists Educators Journalist overview clearinghouse jpeg

Activists, Educators, Journalists

There are 1000s of positive tipping point organizations and institutions (Exs: <https://www.cpcsi.org/231-positive-tipping-point-orgs-and-insti>); well-known, reliable, and key to limiting Global Warming and minimizing the number of disastrous socio-cultural tipping points which get triggered. Hundreds of 5-10 page overviews from such positive tipping point orgs and institutions can be well organized on a clearinghouse website, and will alert key local leaders to the cultural transformation necessary [i.e. once the clearinghouse is established, local activists and educators can create surveys and questionnaires (focusing on local challenges and solutions) which reference the clearinghouse as a most comprehensive State of the World summary--and invite responses from key local leaders]. Journalists can help communicate questionnaire results to the public. People in local communities everywhere can see their circumstances more clearly, and be much more motivated to participate in collaborative problem solving, Community Visioning [13 min documentary Chattanooga (1993) at <https://vimeo.com/9653090>], and Neighborhood Learning Centers. Summary at <https://www.cpcsi.org/constellations-of-initiatives-approach> and p. 16-20 in "Triggering Positive Social, Environmental, Economic, and Cultural Tipping Points" (20p) (link in profile). In addition, the brainstorming about challenges and solutions during Community Visionings can highlight solutions which may benefit other communities doing such collaborative problem solving (add to #clearinghouse).

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Key opportunities for

#highered

#communitycollege

=catalyze local #CommunityVisioning +below
and Neighborhood Learning Centers

=exponentially accelerate

#CitizenClimateCorps +below

#workforcedevelopment

#ecosystemrestoration

#foodsecurity #EqualJustice

#Peace +below

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Opportunities for Universities, Colleges, and Community Colleges
re Exponentially Accelerating Solution Action in the Climate Emergency Era

1) assist in facilitating and providing clear guidance on key fields of activity (food systems, water scarcity, migration, housing; land rights; biodiversity; civic engagement; peacebuilding; emergency assistance, etc.) 2) accelerate **Civilian Climate Corps** into key fields of activity 3) create curriculum resources, classes, workshops, and teacher training to maximize the identification of challenges and solutions during **LOCAL** Community Visioning Processes (and other **local** stakeholder engagement, collaborative³ problem solving approaches) 4) accelerate the training of organizers and facilitators for **local** collaborative problem solving 5) demonstrate how all the investments of time, energy, and money (the "votes") each of us make in our everyday circumstances become the larger economy. People from every variety of circumstances can learn how to wisely cast such "votes" 6) **make better use of teachings which inspire and encourage people to:** a) **sacrifice personal desires for the greater good of the whole** b) **find contentment and quality of life while using less materials good, ecological services** c) **support community life and cultural traditions which "bring to the fore how many good people there are, how many ways there are to do good, and how much happiness comes to those who extend help, as well as to those who receive it"**

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Creating GHG emission-free #supplychains
for small cities towns villages
= #mostsustainablelongterm

Key: small size of habitats
caps energy consumption/toxicity
more near #ZeroFootprints we need
+below

#lowdesirelife
+ #Permaculture
= higher probability of #humanfuture

CPCS Initiative Vision Statement

The Community Peacebuilding and Cultural Sustainability (CPCS) Initiative believes that priority actions—for *urgently and drastically cutting Global Greenhouse Gas Emissions*—would be more constructive if they were focused on small cities, towns, and villages, which—

- 1) are more sustainable-friendly in the long run
- 2) have less complex vulnerabilities
- 3) create more emphasis on downsizing and focusing on what basic necessities are most needed and
- 4) where it is easier to see the results of our actions
- 5) where a truly natural circular economy (sewage treatment; food miles; less packaging; zero waste; etc.) is much easier to implement, and more likely to actually happen.

[see [“Large Cities are Not Sustainable, and will not help us get to Zero Carbon ASAP”](#) (148p; May, 2022)]

Key Indicator: the small size of habitats caps energy consumption and toxicity
at levels much more near the #ZeroFootprints we need

The CPCS Initiative also believes it is possible for local communities and regions to include parts or all of the [“constellation of initiatives” approach](#) advocated by the CPCS Initiative into their local specific action plans—and for all continents, regions, and local communities to achieve Zero Carbon in ten years.

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It is time...

One of the most persistent *ironies* in life is that with so many opportunities to provide real assistance to fellow human beings, there are still many, many people in this world who cannot find a “way to earn a living” providing such assistance.

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Creating the knowledge base and skill sets necessary to resolve the challenges of our times will require encouraging as much formal and informal meetings as possible between neighbors—and people living in the same local community. Creating many Neighborhood Learning Centers can provide places—in local neighborhoods—for discussion, information sharing, mutual support and encouragement, fellowship and friendship—so that the exchanging of information and resources will also include the building of a close-knit community of people with a healthy appreciation for each other’s strengths.

Through workshops and other informal education (and associated local learning networks), citizens, residents, refugees, and so on (again, part of the family of human beings with so many cultures) can gain greater awareness of how all the “little events” in everyday community life have a positive and cumulative effect on the challenges-solutions-investment-training-employment sequence... and thus how all the investments of time, energy, and money (the “votes”) each of us make in our everyday circumstances become the larger economy. People from every variety of circumstances can learn how to wisely cast such “votes”. Wisely directed, such “votes” can result in countless ways of earning a living which contribute to the peacebuilding, community revitalization, and ecological sustainability efforts necessary to drastically reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions, and minimize other related challenges.

As the ancient Chinese proverb says: “Many hands make much work light.”

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It is time

to go for it
and hope we get
help along the way
from #somewhere

"Triggering Positive Social, Envir,
Econ, and Cultural Tipping Points"
(20p) <https://bit.ly/3SrDleB>

"Growing Wisdom and Compassion in
Small Communities (13 Steps)" (78p)
<https://bit.ly/3rxOTCu>

"... in a highly developed civilization... every person of good will can in some way or other succeed."

1. **Community Visioning Initiatives (CVIs)** are series of community meetings designed to maximize citizen participation in identifying challenges, and in identifying solution-oriented activity. The 13 minute documentary "Chattanooga: A Community with a Vision" <https://vimeo.com/9653090> is highly recommended as an inspiring example of the potential of Community Visioning Initiatives.
2. **Neighborhood Learning Centers (NLCs)** can provide places—in local neighborhoods—for discussion, information sharing, mutual support and encouragement, fellowship and friendship—so that the exchanging of information and resources will also include the building of a close-knit community of people with a healthy appreciation for each other's strengths
3. **Local Currency**—People (especially unemployed people) who deliberately direct their investments of time, energy, and money towards assisting with Community Visioning Initiatives, and Neighborhood Learning Centers could receive, as encouragement, local currency. Such local currency can, in its turn, be spent in ways which are particularly helpful to building stable and sustainable local economies.
4. The **Neighbor to Neighbor Community Education (NTNCE)** Project advocates for a new section in local newspapers. The new section (NTNCE section) would be used to highlight and accumulate stories, personal experiences, and other forms of reader contributions which identify helpful people and valuable resources, and reinforce important community goals.