

# K.I.N.



*The work that brings us home*

## Reconnecting with indigenous & intercultural wisdoms; for human and ecological well-being

**What:** An experiential workshop for people of any cultural heritage wanting to explore indigenous and intercultural approaches to ecological well-being.

**When:** 25-27<sup>th</sup> November 2011

**Time:** Friday 6-9, Sat and Sunday 10-5

**Where:** 1/25 Noble Street, Mosman, Sydney

**In this participatory workshop we will have the opportunity to explore together:**

- **How and why is the recovery and re-visioning of indigenous worldviews of deep interconnectedness relevant to all peoples and the planet today?**
- **The work of K.I.N. and the theoretical perspectives underpinning this;**
- **What are your stories, your experiences and how do they shape you and your world?**
- **What are the common threads in our emerging community story and how do we further hold the potential for difference?**
- **What does the work of ecological alliance mean in a time of Post Colonial trauma?**
- **What are the critical reflections we should bring to this work that specifically take account of Australian contextual issues?**
- **Your next steps**

We will engage head, heart and hand. **PART ONE:** On Friday evening, Lewis will provide an overview of this work, including the theoretical perspectives on which it is based. On Saturday we will use story-telling to explore our personal journeys of deepening ecological relationship with life. **PART TWO:** Sunday we will use depth-inquiry methods in developing a critical analysis of some of the issues that shape the work of ecological well-being globally and locally. We will conclude with discussion around next steps. *The results of this workshop will be used to inform the development of KIN. Participants may want to deepen their own ecological practice and become interested in exploring being part of KIN.*

**Registration:** contact Kathryn Mc Cabe [kathrynmccabe@yahoo.com](mailto:kathrynmccabe@yahoo.com), Ph 0439 704 255

Investment: **\$350 (personal rate) \$500 (Organizational rate) (Whole weekend).**

**Limited concession rates may be available. Please enquire.** Deposit of half the workshop fee will be required by Nov 5<sup>th</sup>. There is also an option for a limited number of participants to take Part One only. Investment \$200 (personal rate), \$300 (organizational rate). This is an in-depth workshop with spaces limited to 12 participants. Preference will be given to those attending the whole weekend.

**Other KIN events:** Public Conversation, Thursday Nov 24<sup>th</sup> 6.30-9.30, Sydney, contact Kathryn

### **About K.I.N.**

The Koru International Network (K.I.N.) is a social action initiative whose aim is to ensure the mutual flourishing of human diversity and biodiversity through the revitalization of indigenous worldviews and related perspectives of deep interconnectedness. We are a growing intercultural movement building synergies between groups at international levels whilst grounded in local contexts. [www.kinincommon.com](http://www.kinincommon.com)

### **The Possibilities:**

We are at a transformative moment – a critical juncture in which we may either cause our own extinction or birth the radical re-emergence of a new and yet unknown phase of our humanity. Our separatisms will no longer suffice; yet we live in a world where colonialism and intergenerational trauma continues to play out. The recovery of our deeper Life-World (one which is alive and profoundly relational) is a collective task.

Our hope is that, when we each bring our wisdom, there is an expansion of what is possible: a richer, healthier, more fulfilling life.

### **Our Workshop team**

Led by **Dr Lewis Williams**, Founder and Chair of K.I.N. Lewis is an eco-activist, social innovator community and academic. Born in Aotearoa and of Ngai Te Rangi and Scottish descent her work is with people and organizations to deepen their life-world perspective and to apply this understanding to collective ecological action. She has researched, published and taught on a variety of issues relating to ecological well-being and has worked with a wide range of cultural groups. Formerly an Associate Professor with the Department of Native Studies, University of Saskatchewan, Canada, Lewis is an Executive Board member of the International Society for Human Ecology and the lead author of a soon to be published book "Radical Human Ecology: Indigenous and Intercultural Approaches".

**Kathryn McCabe**, a facilitator, lecturer and published author in transformative leadership for sustainability. Kathryn applies a multi-disciplinary approach to her work for personal and cultural transformations, drawing on her experiences in Social Ecology, Science and Applied Physics, somatic-psychotherapy, drama and education. She often combines her native Irish humour with a capacity for engendering deep change.

**Tracy Adams** is an ecologist and facilitator who has worked in caring for country over the past 30 years with government, community and indigenous organisations, and has worked with indigenous peoples in Australia, Papua New Guinea and Aotearoa NZ. She has been actively involved in community advocacy around environment and social justice since 1981, particularly through Heart Politics, Deep Ecology and Nonviolent Communication, and has trained with Joanna Macy in facilitating 'The Work that Reconnects'. Tracy is passionate about creating cultures of empathy and co-operation.

**Donald Marmara** is a somatic-psychotherapist, facilitator and trainer who has trained with some of the leading pioneers in Somatic Psychotherapy and Structural Dynamics in Europe and America over 30 years of practice. He also served an 8-year apprenticeship with a Native American teacher and brings a rich and rare depth of experience to this workshop.