We’re all in this together.

Six feet apart.

Look after one another.
How can ecosystems of lifelong learning contribute to “building back better?”

In these tumultuous times, how do Learning Cities practice and promote values of kindness, compassion and respect?
Lifelong Learning, Just Sustainability & Learning Cities

- Place, placemaking
- Lifelong Learning
- Sustainability, SDGs
- Social learning & action, for sustainability
- Community=learning ecosystem

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Pew Scholar in Conservation and Environment
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Author/coauthor of influential works.
Limits to Growth: The 30-Year Update

Chapter 8 Tools for the Transition to Sustainability

• Visioning
• Networking
• Truth-Telling
• Learning
• Loving

... these five tools are not optional; they are essential characteristics for any society that hopes to survive over the long term
Creating Loving Cities Rather Than “Separate and Unequal”

Author Dr. John H. Jackson
Loving Cities are created by having a system of local and state policies and practices that provide all children and families with:

1. **CARE** through access to mental and physical health services from birth, nutritional food and healthy community spaces

2. **STABILITY** through consistent expectations and practices that reinforce a culture of inclusion and healing among students and adults

3. **COMMITMENT** through economically and civically empowered communities that democratize access to healthy living and learning environments

4. **CAPACITY** through well-resourced learning climates that meet the physical, emotional and academic needs of students

- [https://lovingcities.schottfoundation.org/](https://lovingcities.schottfoundation.org/)
MUTUAL AID TOMPKINS
“Neighbors supporting neighbors”
Intention: Consider various neighborly ways Learning Cities are responding to community challenges

Sequence

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**OPTIONAL:** Hang out and chat for all who care to stay on a bit longer