



Transitions from Separation to Unity A. C.

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# ANNUAL REPORT



## COLLABORATIONS MADE 2022-2023



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## VISION

We facilitate transitions from separation to unity, bridging the gap between people and themselves, people and other people, and people and the "non-human".

## MISSION

To facilitate the improvement of our quality of life, for individuals, families, groups and communities, and to facilitate the regaining of the balance in the quality of our life experience, through the development of our physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being. We seek for people to improve our relationships with ourselves, our peers, our communities and our environment, within the context of safe spaces of self-direction and reauthoring, where we cultivate cultures of peace.

## VALUES

Honesty, responsibility, joy, gratitude, fairness, collaboration, communication.

## SOCIAL PURPOSE

To provide assistance. Our purpose is to support people, areas, and regions where resources are scarce. For this, we carry out activities that improve people's subsistence and development, placing a special focus on vulnerable groups due to age, gender or disability problems, and indigenous communities.



## Separation and Unity

Those of us who make up Ríia, A.C. have witnessed and participated in experiences of coming together, of expansion, of resonance. When there is connection, sensitivity, intuition, listening, dialogue, participation, solidarity, collaboration, reciprocity, generosity, love among beings, we feel that we are in unity. We have also been in circumstances where there seemed to be discord, and confrontation, where the need to survive and to defend one's own property was present, there was fear, and the feeling of separation was apparent. The experiences of liberation, the transitions from fear to love, the steps we take from feeling and acting in separation to participating in oneness are happening all the time, some little by little, others in quantum leaps.



*"Transitioning from separation to unity enables pax, it enables evolution and life. We all benefit from this transition, each person, the cosmos, and the whole. Something like: you are, I am here, we are, connecting with the depth that is."*

## Facilitating transitions



To facilitate is to make easy, we want to facilitate these experiences for people. We want to open up spaces that are temporary and continuous. Spaces that allow us to remember unity, to uncover: to remove what is covering new possibilities of seeing and living. Some of these experiences of coming together, of expansion, of resonance, where we have witnessed transitions being made, transitions in what we see, hear, perceive, and understand, where we are invited to act less from separation and more as unity. Some of these experiences happen in a conversation, in a workshop, in a meeting, or a learning center. Other experiences include feeling deeply loved, knowing that someone trusts us, feeling supported so that we can continue creating and learning, feeling that we belong, and that our gifts are being seen for what they are worth.

Being in a forest, in a river, having climbed a mountain, these are also

experiences that remind us of unity.

When we talk about transitions we are recognizing that people are always moving, walking, learning. We want to facilitate conscious transitions towards that which allows us to relate in unity to ourselves, to each other, to our communities, to the earth, to the water, to the air and to all that is non-human. We recognize that there are countless ways to facilitate these transitions, we facilitate from what we have experienced and continue to learn.



Today we facilitate self-directed learning spaces with the agile model (ALC): immersions, gatherings, a learning center (CAAD), a community center (Maquique), spaces for evolution through sport (Infinite Soccer), and spaces for mothers and fathers inspired by the agile model and narrative practices (Parenting Maps). We cannot anticipate what new shapes our facilitation will take as we continue learning, facilitating and discovering what transitions from separation to unity may look like for Ría, but we remain open to peeking into all the things we don't know and have yet to discover.



*"Then comes Ría, telling us to remember through all her projects . She arrives making visible some of this utopian thing that we practice, that we can feel ourselves, that we can show ourselves and connect. Remember that we left the meeting saying wow? Remember, don't forget!"*



*"When I see nature it helps me remember that there are lines that distinguish, but there are no lines that separate. Then it helps me understand when my consciousness moves, when my perception moves, so that I can see differently, so that I can remember that there is no separation unless I choose for there to be separation. Ría does that a lot."*

## Why are we called Ría?



We take inspiration from water to act according to our intention. Water gives life, it freshens and flows. It sometimes brings us experiences of joy, of calm and restoration, like floating, or the feeling of being in a mountain and splashing water on your face. Also, it sometimes shakes us with its strength and abundance.

We chose estuary as a name (ría in Spanish), the place where the sea floods the river valley at its mouth. It is a place of transition, where one energy is transformed into another, where fresh and salt water exist at the same time, where it is imposible to separate the river from the sea, where these bodies of water show us that the edges that distinguish them do not separate them.



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## TRANSLATION OF THE BOOK "RAISING FREE PEOPLE"

On October 14, 2022, Akilah S. Richards and the Spanish translation team (Rubén Alvarado, Isabel Noriega, Citlalli de Lama) present in Xalapa, Veracruz, Mexico, the Spanish version of the book "Raising Free people". This book narrates the author's experiences of navigating the path to a free, self-directed education as a process of liberation and healing.

During the presentation, author Akilah S. Richards shared about her life and her work. Attendees also participated in games, as well as reflection and conversation exercises. This became Ríia's (Transitions from Separation to Unity A. C.) first official project.



[www.criandopersonaslibres.com](http://www.criandopersonaslibres.com)





## INFINITE SOCCER

It is possible to find initiatives for regeneration and facilitating transitions from separation to unity in many fields, but not so much within sport, where innovations are focused on increasing performance, entertainment and showmanship, or profit margins.

The Infinite Soccer sports model combines self-direction, through the agile cycle, with intentional community culture creation, in order to challenge and transform the myths that currently shape sport, which separate and polarize.

- Going from competing to win and exercise supremacy, to competing to become competent together.
- Going from seeing rivals as the enemy, to seeing them as the best ally for growth and evolution, and to reciprocate in integrity.
- Going from centralized authorities that determine action and justice, to having each player take part in their personal conscious evolution, as well as the evolution of the collective, and the process of regulating experience.
- Creating a sport that not only recognizes the most developed skills, but is also able to appreciate a wide range of richness in experience and relationship. A sport that is able to see gifts that normally go unnoticed when winning becomes the ultimate, and often the only, end of the sport.

Yucatan, Mexico, was the first site for Infinite Soccer practices. Also, in 2023 it was planted in the refugee settlement Palorinya, Uganda, as well as in Xalapa, Veracruz, Mexico.

Rubén Darío Alvarado headed this project which seeks to create beauty, peace and excellence through soccer.



**Direct participants: 120 (counting all venues)**







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





## 2023 ALC GATHERING

Our Gathering welcomed people who belong to Agile Learning Communities, in the form of facilitators, directors, founders, apprentices (children, youth and adults), as well as families of apprentices and other people who have the intention of becoming part of these communities.

Together, more than a hundred of us co-created a week of intense learning, connecting, and creating in favor of the communities, collectives, and organizations to which we belong. This gathering took place within the economy of generosity.

A document was created to compile and narrate memories and experiences that happened during the 2023 ALC Gathering. Here is an excerpt:

*"The agile model of self-direction proposes that you learn as much from the content as from the container. In our gathering we followed this principle and as a result, once again, we had an experience full of diversity. We took advantage of all that diversity gathered in one place, diversity in perspectives, knowledge and interests, and we tended to what was important in a congruent way. We were able to create a very meaningful and sensible experience for all of us present.*

*Something that inspires us about this approach to learning and interacting is that it centers around building, in the immediacy, the world and the experience we want to experience, and that it sits on a foundation that allows different experiences to coexist respectfully while mutually enriching each other."*

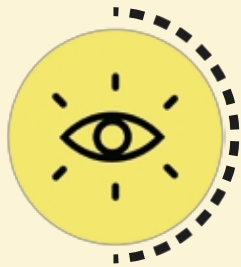


# NUMBERING FOR THE 2023 ALC GATHERING

## 105

### ATENDEES

Adults, children, facilitators, community founders, families of ALC communities



## 34

### MINORS

People from 2 to 17 years of age participated in the co-creation of a week-long ALC experience



## 14

### CITIES

People from different parts of the world shared experiences



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### COUNTRIES

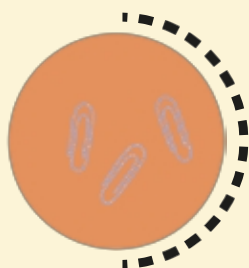
The following countries were represented at the gathering: Mexico, Puerto Rico, United States



## 100

### OFFERINGS

Conversations, talks, games, ceremonies, celebrations, community mastery meetings, communication support team meetings, food, children, river and forest trips, cultural billboard, etc.



## 100%

### ECONOMY OF GENEROSITY

The gathering was supported 100% by gift culture. In addition, we held negotiations to obtain special prices on lodging fees. The owner of the Bosque de los Cipreses Hotel offered alternatives like camping, day passes, and rooms at affordable prices



## 90%

### COLLECTIVELY SELF-MANAGING

Each of us self-organized collectively to make sure the children were taken care of, as well as to oversee the upkeep of the kanban. About 60% of the logistics of food preparation were also collectively self-managed. A group of young facilitators from Educambiando ALC was present and also helped support the organization.



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### NIGHTS

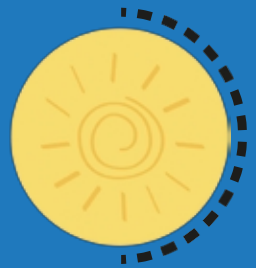
Of featured presentations from the cultural billboard like live music, theater, poetry, open mic...



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### DAYS

Connecting Centers, communities, families, individuals



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### MONTHS

Prepararing and designing the experience



## 17

### INDIVIDUALS

Received financial gifts for the support they offered in various areas: childcare, food, facilitation, documentation, etc.





## 2023 UGANDA IMMERSION

Immersion into the agile learning model, as a proposal to create cultures of peace and respect for children's rights, in Palorinya, Uganda, in a settlement for refugees, mostly from South Sudan.

A team of facilitators made up of people from Mexico, the United States, Puerto Rico and Uganda gathered to offer tools, practices, reflections, etc., and to share the agile model looking to collaborate in the co-creation of safe spaces for young people, spaces where they can feel loved, accepted, cared for and protected.

We also provided support for skill building among the workers of Gundúa, a non-profit organization in Kampala, which serves financially and psycho-emotionally vulnerable people, some of whom are also war refugees.

This became Ríia's first international event, supported by several national and foreign donors.

Direct participants: 250





## ORIGINAL PLAY

Original Play seeks to harmonize relationships between individuals and groups, replacing aggression and violence with kindness and compassion. It also seeks to enable each person to experience trust and love.

Rubén Darío Alvarado has created spaces where families and people who work with children can learn about the model and ethics of Original Play, so that they can then share it within their contexts. Sessions have taken place in several places such as Veracruz, Jalisco, Querétaro, and Mexico City.



[www.originalplay.eu](http://www.originalplay.eu)



## FEATURE OF THE PLAY: THE DREAMS OF THE RAIN

This feature had the intention of bringing Educambiando Agile Learning Community closer to the realities surrounding the generating and disposing of garbage. It also sought to weave threads between Educambiando ALC Community and the town of Rancho Viejo, as well as to make theater available to these communities, while collaborating with Sendas A.C. in the process.

We organized a showcase of the play *The Dreams of the Rain*, a monologue written and performed by Leticia Valenzuela under the direction of Enrique González. This monologue tells the story of a group of women living in a garbage dump, and it is inspired by real life events taking place in Minatitlán, Veracruz. Some tickets were sold to people who came from Xalapa, other tickets were courtesy tickets handed out at Rancho Viejo public schools, and through local authorities.

Attendees: 50



*Leticia Valenzuela en*

# LOS SUEÑOS DE LA LLUVIA

Dirección: Enrique González

**20 de mayo 6:30 pm,**  
**En oficinas de Sendas, A.C.**  
**en Rancho Viejo, Ver.**

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\$100 pesos preventa, \$120 pesos el día de la función  
 Venta de boletos e informes: 228 8263 675

SENDAS A.C. RIA EDUCAMBIANDO



## PARENTING MAPS

We open a space where stories about what parenting is like for us can emerge. In order for these stories to emerge we hold conversations and play with the metaphor of maps.

These conversations are informed by our understandings of narrative practices and the agile learning model. Narrative practices ask questions that don't look for answers, but rather listen for the stories that want to be told, stories about what is important to us, what sustains us, what moves us, and about the ways we have responded to the problems we have encountered in our parenting.

Maps are a creative proposal that helps us capture understandings that are present, so that our stories do not evaporate, so that our understandings can stay with us, so that we can resonate with the experiences of the other parents by looking at what they share in their maps. We resonate through mapping together.



[www.lariia.org/mapas-de-crianza](http://www.lariia.org/mapas-de-crianza)



## MAQUIQUE- THE FIRST AGILE COMMUNITY CENTER

Maquique is a physical space where, and a community of people with whom, we can learn, work, collaborate, co-create, evolve, share, and coexist. This agile community center is sustained by the philosophy, tools and practices of the agile learning model (<https://www.agilelearningcenters.org/>) and other wisdoms we have found along the way.

Maquique is an ALC for all ages, an agile intergenerational learning community that brings intentional culture creation and the magic of agile community to adults with and without children.

What benefits does Maquique offer to its members?



Belonging to a creative and loving community, where there is space to be in authenticity. Access to people and relationships that support your learning and development in harmony. Practices, techniques and tools to cultivate your self-directed lifelong learning. Access to social structures and dynamics that invite wisdom into your learning and creative, personal and professional processes. Access to a network of projects that seek to create a more beautiful reality. A regenerative environment that facilitates your creativity. A physical space suitable for the development of your projects.

A physical space to enjoy leisure, rest and recreation for you and your family. Access to social offerings, resources and technologies for your psycho-emotional, physical and spiritual development. Spaces for you to share your intentions, needs and desires for personal and family evolution, where you can also potentially receive support from the community. Access to the community's collective wisdom through recurring offerings. Spaces to practice communal decision making, and to contribute to the community's health and evolution.

[www.lariia.org/maquique](http://www.lariia.org/maquique)



## 2024 ALC GATHERING

This summer we will co-create a temporary ALC. Just like a garden, we are preparing the soil, and making sure the conditions are right to receive our presences, like seeds. We want to sow ourselves into this fertile garden, to discover the gifts that this year's ALC Gathering can bring for us. Our gathering welcomes anybody who belongs to an Agile Learning Community, such as facilitators, directors, founders, kid, youth, and adult learners, as well as families of learners.

We will also welcome people who know about the Agile Learning model, and intend to be part of one of our communities in the near future, be it as apprentices, families, facilitators or founding directors. From July 22nd though the 26th 2024, the Cypress will welcome us to co-create the world we imagine.



[www.lariia.org/encuentro-alc-2024](http://www.lariia.org/encuentro-alc-2024)





### TRAVEL

8 Trips to gather for the creation and support of Riia's work (Transiciones de Separación a Unidad A. C. Querétaro, Coatepec, Mexico City, Tepoztlán, Xalapa, Rancho Viejo.

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### IN PERSON MEETINGS

Approximately 14 full days of work during our face-to-face meetings, which we call "creative lock-downs"

### GET TOGETHERS

1 week-long get together with 7 full days of work

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### PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

6 friendly organizations from which we have received great support

### PEOPLE

3 founding team members, and more than 20 volunteer collaborators to make all the projects happen

+23

72

### ON-LINE

72 on-line meetings with approximately 93 hours of virtual work

## PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS



### NATLIK A. C

<https://natlikac.org/>

We are deeply grateful for all the support provided to us, through the accompaniment and the sharing of invaluable experience that helped us form Riia, Transitions from separation to unity A. C., legally.



### CAAD Self-directed learning community

<https://www.caad.site/>

Thank you for always being open to hosting projects and events, and for all the love continually shown by this beautiful community.



### CAM Mexican Agile Communities

Thank you for the inspiration and for all we have received thanks to the beautiful project of Educambiando. Thank you for sharing with us the experience of co-creating MAQUIQUE, the first Agile Community Center in Mexico.



### ALC Agile Learning Centers

<https://www.agilelearningcenters.org/>

Thank you! Our experiences with the Network and all the ALCs and have inspired our desire to facilitate transitions from separation to unity. Your support has been fundamental to all of the projects we have been able to create. Thank you for helping our impact cross borders.



### Yenet Ministries

Thank you for the invitation to share the ALC experience with South Sudanese people living as refugees in Uganda. We join in the vision of creating spaces of peace and a culture of growth in harmony.

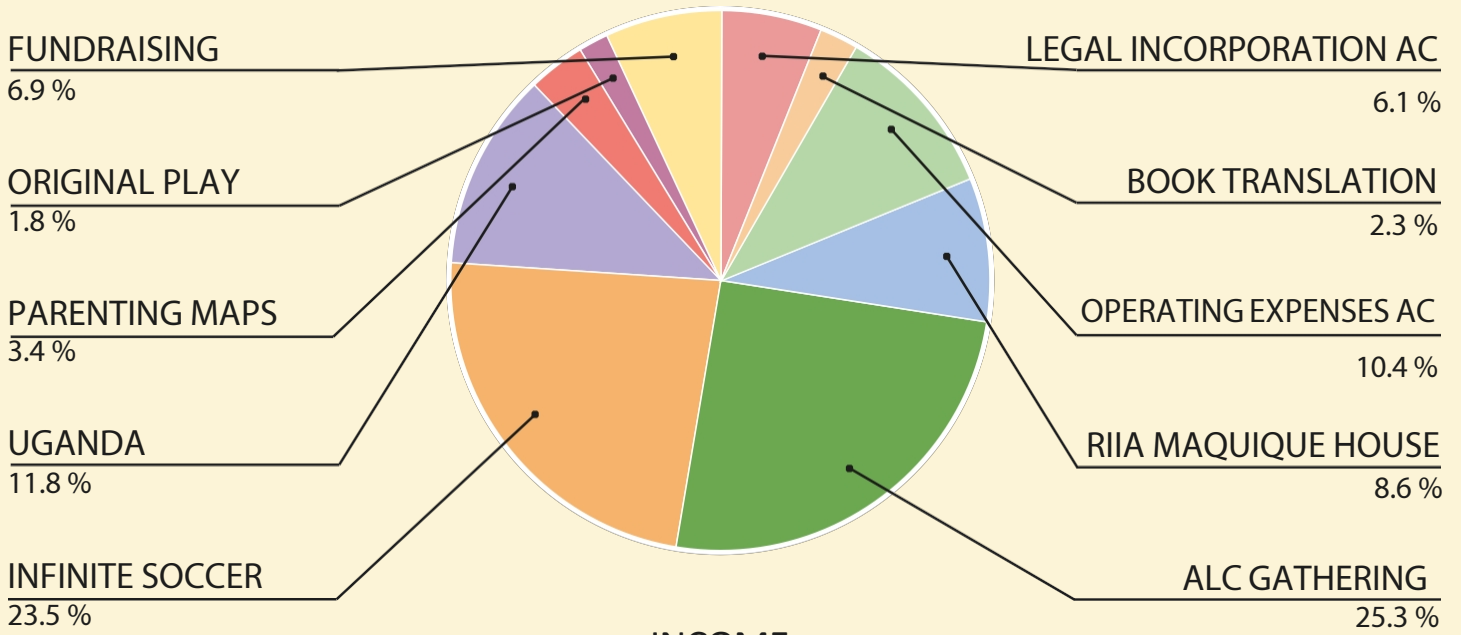


### MapEA

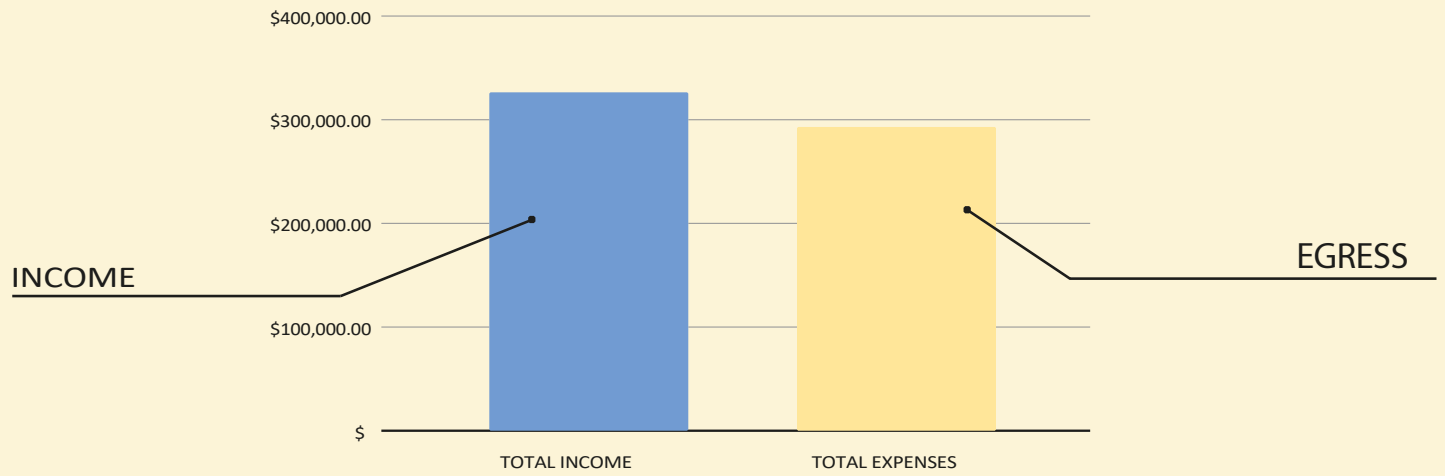
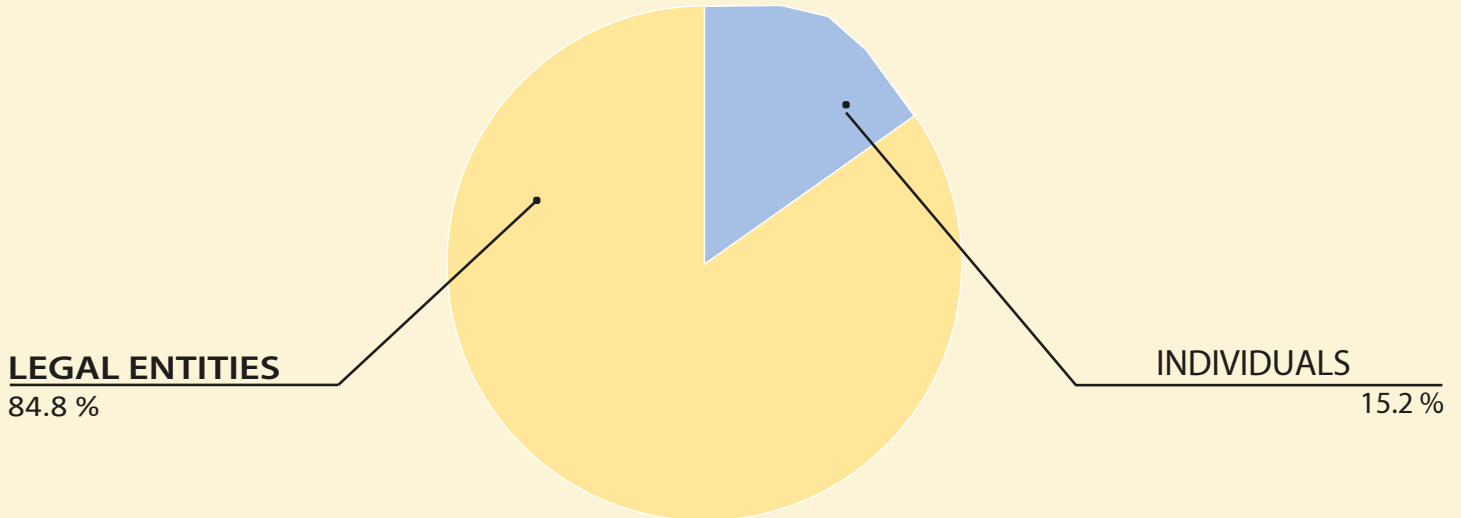
Mapping Alternative Understandings. Thank you for your commitment and the care you put into helping us communicate our work in a coherent and beautiful way.



EXPENDITURES BY PROJECT



INCOME





As we were putting together this report to share our work with you, we realize that it has been a source of joy, nourishment and renewal for us in this journey. We have also witnessed the signs of surprise, joy and gratitude in the people with whom we have worked. Thanks to the River, for the waters that it has given us.

Many people have inspired us, sheltered us, witnessed us, encouraged us, supported us. Thank you for being part of this gift, a gift that has been expressed as love, as unity, as joy, as peace. Thank you for engaging with us in generosity, thank you for what you allow to emerge, grow and multiply.

To our partner organizations, thank you for accompanying us along the way. To our donors, thank you for your trust, for the financial energy, and for all the other energy you put into this project. You inspire us to give in generosity and excellence, the same as we have received. To those who have collaborated with us, those who have invited us to participate in their projects, or have come to the invitations we put out, thank you for co-creating spaces where we can remember unity, let's keep weaving! To our families, children, partners, thank you for supporting us in all the spaces necessary to make this dream possible. Thanks to all the human and non-human beings that support us and allow us to create a life experience of love and beauty.





## Ways can you collaborate with us

You can follow us on our website and networks, attend our events, volunteer in one of our projects, and make financial or in-kind donations to support our work. Our work arises from gratitude, from feeling loved, from knowing that someone trusts us, from having been supported to learn, grow and create. We have received so much that we want to give back, and make space to continue on receiving.

## Become a part of it!



### DONATE IN CASH

You can leave your contribution at CAAD. Calle Santiago Tlatelolco 401, Villas de Santiago, CP 76148 Querétaro, Mexico.



### DONATE IN KIND

Check out the in-kind contributions that help us do our work. Click here <https://www.lariia.org/donar>



### VOLUNTEERING

Join as a volunteer by donating your time, knowledge, and energy to support project development.



### PAYPAL

We appreciate your donation through: [paypal.me/transicionesriia](https://paypal.me/transicionesriia)



### BANK ACCOUNT

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