Peaceful Possibilities

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In this session....... 

• Our complex world and children’s realities  
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Our complex world and children’s realities
How do we navigate the way forward?

What messages do children hear?
Thirty Seconds.
So isn’t it our role as educators to protect children?

To keep children safe?

To shelter them from the horrors of the world?
Hatred and violence doesn’t start here.....
But it ends here…..
“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

-Nelson Mandela
Children’s agency – more than just chicken or beef.....
Children’s agency

Children choosing to play inside or outside
Choosing fruit or a cracker
Choosing to paint or build
Choose to eat now or later
Choosing to rest or do quiet activities

[Checklist image with items such as milk, bread, oranges, apples, chicken, rice, detergent, cereal, lettuce, and sugar.]
I WILL NOT LEARN YOUR HATE!
Sustainable futures – more than just a worm farm
SCOPE

Social citizenship
Caring for others
Opt in to the tricky stuff
Practice gratitude
Exceptional role models
Social Citizenship

expanding the circle of concern

Zoom in/zoom out
Caring for others
Opt in to the tricky stuff

‘The same’ is not always ‘fair’.
well, it's not always fair for everybody to just get the same. For example, if everyone gets a cupcake, but there are chocolate and vanilla cupcakes, and some people like chocolate and some people like vanilla, then it doesn't feel like it's fair to me if I don't get the one I like. So, just dividing everything up so everyone gets the same doesn't make it fair. You have to ask everyone what makes it feel fair for them. It takes communication to work it out."

Harrison – 4 years, nine months
Practice gratitude
Exceptional role models
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Peaceful possibilities for the future

Be the change you wish to see in the world