



New Seneca Village Living Values: A Collective Commitment and Practice

New Seneca Village is an intentional community and a love offering.

We intend to gather and to flow together in the spirit of a Village,
one that is interconnected, abundant and thriving.

Our Living Values are the commitments that allow us to build a Village community in a way that honors and centers our authentic selves while allowing *all* of our many ways of knowing and being to feel seen and sacred.

All Villagers are expected to review and sign this Living Values document in agreement with and with a commitment to embody these practices which are in alignment with our [Right Relationship Ethos](#) and [Founding Commitments](#).

*We are the collective container that creates New Seneca Village
as a liberatory practice space and offering.*

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Interconnection

+ **We recognize ourselves as parts of a collective whole.**

We respect ourselves and each other, understanding that we are inextricably linked to this planet, to all of the non-human beings on it and to one another.

- Our collective whole encompasses a thriving earth ecosystem that includes the natural world, our ancestors, our descendants and all forms of energetic beings.

+ **We recognize diversity as an inherent and critical element of life on this planet. We honor the diversity of being and knowing within ourselves and within each other.**

- We are gender, sexuality and spiritually expansive,
- We are sex and pleasure-positive,
- We are powerful and infinite beings.

+ **We are multi-faceted thinkers who bring varied life experiences to the table.**

We acknowledge that our strength, power and resilience are because of our differences, not in spite of them.



- + **We commit to creating a sacred and respectful space.** Bullying, degrading, or disparaging comments—based on race, age, religion, abilities, culture, language, sexual orientation, gender identity, income, national origin or any other identifiers will not be tolerated in any form.
 - We commit to calling ourselves— and the collective to pause, notice and acknowledge each other even in the midst of disagreements that could arise.
 - We center the collective intention to co-create the container of the Village while remaining respectful towards each other.
 - We know that recognizing each other's wholeness leads to our collective evolution and freedom.

Restoration

- + **We practice restoration and radical care for ourselves and each other.**
We listen to ourselves in loving and expansive ways and we meet our own needs so that we are a contribution to the collective.
- + **We are accountable for our own needs and our own ways of being.**
We interrupt patterns of disconnection and expectation, allowing us to intentionally create space for individual and collective liberation.
- + **We embrace presence and pausing with intention and reverence.**
We center our own individual rhythm and flow within the collective energetic container.
 - Our collective intention to distance our attention from technology and other distractions provides space for us to cultivate our intuition and disrupt the capitalist cycles of more, better, faster.
- + **We build trust in this community through deep listening, honesty and authenticity.**
We reflect on our own impact (beyond our intention), we release judgment and we embrace generosity and curiosity within ourselves and each other.

Evolution

- + **We are responsible for our own actions and impacts, whether they are intended or unintended.**



We take personal responsibility for collectively co-creating every Village space with compassion, generosity and love.

+ **We recognize communication as a powerful tool of creation.**

We use communication to create an intentionally sacred and expansive space for ourselves and each other.

- If in disagreement, we use communication to create, not destroy.

+ **We recognize and prioritize the collective.**

We show up as loving partners with and for the intentional Village community.

+ **We keep ourselves and each other accountable to these shared and evolving living values.**

We honor our commitments and take personal and collective responsibility when we fall short, with the intention to give each other the grace and space to grow together.

Upon completion of the Restorative Residency Experience, Villagers will be welcomed into the Village Ecosystem. The Village Living Values continue to hold true in how we engage post-residency in Village spaces and with other Villagers.

Please print your name and sign below if you are in embodied agreement with our Living Values. By signing, you commit to embodying these collective living commitments as an intentional practice in showing up for yourself and for all others in our community.

Signature: _____

Name: _____ Date: _____