



## NEW SENECA VILLAGE

### **New Seneca Village Living Values: A Committed Practice**

New Seneca Village is an intentional community and offering. Our intention is to live into the spirit of a Village, one that is interconnected, abundant, and thriving.

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

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

We are the container that creates New Seneca Village as an offering of love.

### **New Seneca Village Living Values:**

#### **Interconnection**

- + **We recognize ourselves as parts of a collective whole.** We respect ourselves and each other with the understanding that we are inextricably linked.
  - + Our collective whole encompasses all parts of a thriving ecosystem and all forms of a lifetime- and energetic beings, the natural world, our ancestors, and our descendants.
- + **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 each other.
  - + We are gender, sexuality, and spirituality expansive,
  - + We are sex and pleasure positive,
  - + We are powerful and infinite beings.
- + **We are multi-faceted thinkers with varied lived experiences represented at the table.** We acknowledge the strength, power, and resilience is because of our differences, not in spite of them.



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- + **We agree that bullying, degrading, and/or disparaging comments will not be tolerated** - about race, religion, culture, language, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other identities/identifiers.
  - + We commit to calling each other - and our collective - in to pause and breathe in moments of harm or hurt,
  - + We acknowledge that conflict and tension can be healthy, and to remain respectful in our disagreements,
  - + We agree to lean on the wisdom of our collective, and that no one individual needs to go it alone.

### Restoration

- + **We prioritize restoration and practice radical care for ourselves and each other.** This is evident in the loving and expansive way we listen to ourselves and 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 in ourselves and others anything that resembles disconnection and oppression, allowing us to intentionally create space for individual and collective healing.
- + **We embrace presence and pausing with intention and reverence.** This intentional distancing from technology and schedules 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 (not just intention), release judgment, and embrace generosity and curiosity.

### Evolution

- + **We are responsible for our own actions and impacts, intended or unintended.** We take personal responsibility for collectively co-creating this space with compassion and love.
- + **We keep ourselves and each other accountable to our shared and evolving living values.** We honor our commitments and take personal and collective responsibility when we fall short and support each other to grow together.



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- + **We recognize communication as a powerful tool of creation.** We use communication to create an intentionally sacred and safe space for ourselves and each other. During disagreements, we use communication to create, not destroy.
- + **We recognize and prioritize the collective.** We celebrate our communities, our accomplishments, our hopes, and especially our courage to show up.

Please print your name and sign below if you are in agreement with our Living Values. Those who sign commit to an ongoing practice of embodying these values and showing up for themselves and each other in alignment with them.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_