

Damaris Matthijsen - Free, Equal, and Together

Guide Towards a Society and Economy, Beneficial to Human and Planet

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More and more people long for a society and economy that benefit all humans and the Earth. Damaris Matthijsen offers in this book new ideas, concepts, and methods to create such a world: the Free-Equal-Together society. She describes a clear way out of the systematic crises and offers practical excercises to take steps ourselves, really letting us experience a feeling of freedom, equality, and togetherness.

Crucial in this is the transformation of ownership and control of our commons: land, labor, and capital. Managed by people, not by the market or the state. PartnerShip is the form of cooperation with which we can retrieve our way towards love and trust, creativity and unity. And relearn how to take care of the whole from within.

Free, Equal, and Together is for everyone who searches for ways to work towards a society that honors all life.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

'Damaris is the Kate Raworth of the Netherlands.' – **Leonie van der Steen**, Squarewise

'If you truly want to be innovative as a pioneer, you have to reach for the sky as well as nurture your roots. That is exactly what this book does.' – **Nancy Wiltink**, Vers aan de Vecht

'One of the most inspiring trainings I have ever done. Damaris precedes you in making your ideals practical with a beautiful example of how we can design organizations in such a way that it is innovative in all aspects and brings out the best of its people. Highly recommended for everyone that is a social and sustainable entrepreneur.' – **Marieke Vingerhoeds**, Elia Initiatives for the Future

'After working as a high-profile lawyer for five years and at the Finance Ministry for two years, I knew for sure that our current systems will fail in the future. Damaris' book offers an important foundation for further thinking. I urge lawyers to read this book with great care and contribute to PartnerShip and creating a legal basis for these solutions.' – **Yacob Miihad**, lawyer

'PartnerShip is organizing with heart and soul in which each individual can come to full fruition.' – **Rose**, chef

"This is future-proof community power!" - Pieter Hessel, Economy Transformers

'PartnerShip puts our economy back in a personal perspective and accessible to all.' – **Gérard Pillen**, ritual coach

'Critical thinking from the prevailing ways, based on distrust is nice but not enough. The PartnerShip offers tools to organize my company from the inside on my own way and from its purpose. By focusing on valuing instead of controlling, yet in touch with the current reality. Recommended to dive into!' – **Mieke Koldewee**, organizational advisor, dancer

'There could be a huge gap between desire to act and actually doing what is necessary. This book shows us what needs to be done and that a humane and earth-worthy society is not just doable, it fits with who we really are. There are a lot of books telling us our current ways and finite, this book tells how we can solve things. It leaves you not beat but inspired, it shows an alternative.' – **Marcel Heskes**, Squarewise

'We learn with knowledge and emotions why Mother Earth can take care of herself again.' - **Bouwie Greenman**, farmer, Earth Collective

'Damaris is not afraid to ask the truly fundamental questions to rethink our economy radically. But she makes it practical at the same time. She challenges the reader to start from human values and translates them into new relations for ownership and legal structures. A must-read for anyone who wants to see how people are working on a better world - far below the radar of the large corporates.' – **Rutger Claassen**, professor Political Philosophy and Economic Ethics at the Utrecht University

'Damaris' book is an accessible description of a logical future image of the world in which everybody can recognize themselves. And she offers the tools to realize it right away. Take this opportunity!' – **Jennifer Benson**, Economy Transformers

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