



an invitation

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Three events over six months

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 - 2** August - RESIDENTIAL
 - 3** November - challenged
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- It's about dialogue
- It's about inclusion

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It's about balancing the personal and the political, the inner and the outer

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Heart Politics, PO Box 119, Bangalow NSW 2479

Living on the

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Fri 27-Sun 29 June
A&I Hall, Bangalow

Starts 7pm Friday
Whole weekend \$45 full / \$35 conc.
Single session \$15 / \$10

For more info: 6688 6494 or 6624 2750

Cultural Action for Social Change

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Actors, filmmakers, digital artists and cultural activists will lead workshops on forum theatre, playback, culture jamming, indie media, public ceremony and much more.

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If you can offer ideas, skills, energy or time the organising team would love to hear from you. Call 6687 1789.

Fri 22-Sun 24 August
Mullumbimby

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3 **Living on the Edge Residential Retreat**

Four days under canvas by the sea to reflect and songs and prepare for the challenges ahead. Bring your own camping gear. All food and drinks provided on a year of moments change. Share our stories and campfires provided. From Friday evening to Tuesday afternoon. Workshop materials and campfires \$195/\$170. **Fri 21-Tues 25 Nov** Four nights \$195/\$170

Please register me for Heart Politics 2003

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Enclosed is:

- My registration fee of \$
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A gentle and supportive way to discover what really matters.

Christine Dann, NZ Greens,

Stillness in Action

These troubled times call us to a new commitment to our common humanity and to our place in the web of life. They demand calmness, clarity and compassion.

Stillness in Action retreats give both an inner and outer focus to your deepest sense of purpose. You will find your authentic way of being in and for the world.

In silence, wisdom arises. Your mornings will be spent in silent meditation, the ancient path to understanding your essential nature through calm awareness of 'here and now'.

The afternoons of the retreat are rich with image-making, movement, music, claywork and connection. This work expands your awareness of who you are and what you bring to the world.

Over the week of the retreat we weave together new and ancient teachings from Buddhism, 'new' sciences, the arts, deep ecology, indigenous earth wisdom and social action. Together we discover a strong story of the self and our place in the world. A story with the power to transform.

The three retreat leaders bring a wealth of experience in meditation, creativity, social change and community ~ Bobbi Allan, long-time Buddhist practitioner and teacher; Ken McLeod, change strategist and facilitator; and Simon Clough, peace maker and community builder.

Accommodation is mainly dormitory style or camping. The option of a private room may be available at additional cost. Please ask. Delicious vegetarian food is served and special dietary needs can be catered for if advised in advance.

Retreat participants set their own fee in the range \$200-\$400, depending on income. This covers accommodation, meals and workshop materials. The facilitators follow the Buddhist tradition of Dana which means the teachings are given freely and the work is supported through the generosity of participants.

Bookings can be made by calling (02) 4323 3193. A \$50 deposit or payment in full is required. For more information about the retreat program and format call (02) 6687 1789 or email: info@icef.info.

Oct 4-11 • Wat Buddha Dhamma • Wisemans Ferry NSW

The five days gave me the skills to stop and reflect on the profound changes occurring in the world and within myself. The workshop sets the stage for a new roadmap to personal and social sustainability and sanity. Highly recommended!

Gilbert Rochecouste, public space designer.

