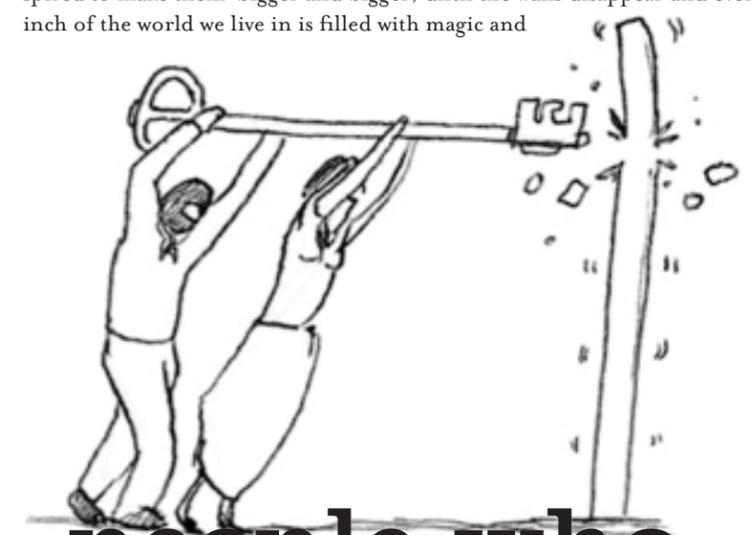


there are holes in the walls of the system!

if you look through them, you see a world in which everyone feels respected and loved and able to tap into the magic of life.

regeneración is a collection of 'almost grown ups' who have looked through these holes in the walls of the system and are inspired to make them bigger and bigger, until the walls disappear and every inch of the world we live in is filled with magic and



with people who are learning from each other.

since the year 2006, in the city of new york, we have been playing and imagining and dreaming and building with domestic workers, immigrant families, families facing detention and deportation, queer families organizing for racial and economic justice, and all kinds of radical parents, caretakers and kids.

we co-organized a delegation to the first-ever U.S. Social Forum in Atlanta; facilitated a children's program at the Critical Resistance 10 conference in Oakland; and play and dream

and imagine build

every day in every way with people across the country and the galaxy who are as excited as we are to open up the possibilities of making a world filled with magic where everyone feels respected and loved.

the holes in the walls of the system show us worlds that exist right now inside this world and inside ourselves. seeing these worlds reminds us of the possibilities of shaping our world and inspires us to shift the ways in which we relate to ourselves, each other and the earth as we create home, make food, and make sure we are healthy, as we learn, and play, and dream and imagine and build.

one of the basic elements of shaping a world filled with magic is what we call 'intergenerational movement for collective liberation'

what we mean by this is a journey that engages people of all ages—from the very young to the very old—to fashion our world so that everyone feels respected, loved, and able to tap into their magic. we know that intergenerational movements are capable of fantastic things: they can sustain themselves when things get bad, and worse, and close to impossible, and they regenerate over time. they develop a profound collective memory, which enables people to learn from the experiences of their elders and the people that came before.

they cultivate a culture in which people are responsible to each other and to a bigger vision, rather than a scene that people dip into and out of on a whim, or a phase that people leave behind for a life of "serious" responsibilities. they give people hopeful, growing and interconnecting story-lines in which to contextualize themselves, their communities, and collective action in the world. this basic element of shaping a world filled with magic emerges often from the fabric of indigenous cultures in the global south, whose movements for collective liberation are a huge inspiration for regeneración.

since 2006, we have been hanging out with kids whose parents and caregivers (often folks of color that are low income and/or queer) are seeing and creating and widening and enabling the holes in the walls of the system. we play in spaces where kids are not simply being relegated to

playground corners, but rather where

play is recognized as a powerful tool to transform our culture.



we learn from kids: kids change how we do politics. they teach us that movement is a process, not a program, and that this process is playful, imaginative and creative, not just serious and rational. in turn, teach kids that imagination has serious implications for the world we inhabit, and that they cultivate it for the rest of their lives. our interactions with kids produce politics that recognize play as a crucial ingredient of any movement, and disintegrate the walls that sequester play in childhood and bar it from our adult lives.

we also play in spaces where the practice of doing meaningful childcare is recognized as a necessary element of building strong community. childcare has traditionally been feminized, devalued, and determined to be beside-the-point work'. sometimes it is a paid service, or a way to keep kids 'under control'

without developing intimate relationships

with consequences. we play in spaces that recognize hanging out with kids as a necessary meaningful practice for everyone in their lives. rather than being peripheral, it is a central element of our creative activity as human beings and communities. as we play, the holes in the walls of the system get wider, and we jump through them more often.

after some years of growing up with kids and their families and communities, we see many more holes in the walls of the system than when we first started. they are all over the place, and they are all around each other! so as we continue to grow our vision of a world filled with magic, we are also dreaming up ways to interconnect the various visions of this world imagined by the kids and families and communities we hang with. interconnected in a network, communities will be better able to share ways to play, and build movement that is relevant and accessible to kids and their families and nourishing and fun for everyone in the whole community. imagine moving out of formal meetings and compartmentalized issues, and making connections that enable people's magic!



this is our dream.

our dream is big,

and we still have much to do. the small things we are doing
now prefigure the world of our dreams. we

**are on a journey, building
the world we want as we go.**

one day soon, the various visions will be so interconnected,
and there will be so much play, that there will no walls,
there will be no system,

**and
the world
will be filled
with magic.**

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