

BIG QUESTIONS FOR 2017

The Grounded Solutions Network board is in the process of developing short and long term goals that focus on strengthening the CLT movement and growing the sector. They are also adopting goals around furthering diversity, equity and inclusion within Grounded Solutions Network as an organization and within our work more broadly.

The board and staff are looking to you, the CLT Community of Practice, to help think through, grapple with, and lend your unique expertise on some of the BIG questions that we all struggle with as individuals and as a collective movement.

Below are a list of potential questions for the Community of Practice to take on in 2017. Your conversation today may have generated another. In your small group, decide on two questions that you would like to suggest that the Community of Practice grapple with in 2017. We're going to gather all of the ideas and then, as a community, identify the priorities for the upcoming year.

1. Are existing CLT programs growing in terms of land acquired/ units produced/ commercial spaces provided, etc? If not (and if we assume that programs would like to do more), what are the greatest factors inhibiting growth? What could Grounded Solutions Network do to help overcome those challenges?
2. How can we advance diversity, equity and inclusion at all levels of the CLT movement?
3. Grounded Solutions Network has and will continue focusing on supporting members to become more sustainable. What are the greatest challenges to sustainability? What are the greatest opportunities for becoming more sustainable?
4. From time to time, we hear about CLTs that have closed their doors or are in significant danger of closing their doors. Sometimes, that may be the best or only option. Is there something that Grounded Solutions Network or the CoP could and should be doing to help programs navigate the process of shutting down and preserving the units that were created?
5. There is unprecedented interest in CLTs right now and many groups reach out to Grounded Solutions Network wishing to start a CLT in their community. How can and should we balance our collective desire to help the formation of new CLTs and spread the CLT movement with the reality that some start-up CLTs are not now—and many never be—sustainable? What are the indicators of a healthy movement? Is our movement healthy?
6. Other questions???