

The Dreamer's Manifesto

Before you can change the world, first you must dream

Everyone should dream. Everyone needs to dream.

We must nurture our ability to fantasize about the future. We must get better at playful imaginings of the best possible futures. It is through this imagining that possibilities are unlocked.

There is a process to making change in the world and it starts with dreaming. The first step is allowing oneself to imagine and play with new ways of thinking and new ways of doing. Second, allow the ideas however impossible or fantastic to become familiar. Over time that familiarity will transform into a sense of possibility. Once the dream has ceased to feel impossible and has become more approachable, it is possible to start playing with the idea of how to bring the dream into reality. Let this process take time too. Allow the fantastical and the impossible to have a space alongside the practical and the realistic. Be wary of single solutions. Making dreams into reality often requires multiple routes and strategies. The final step is to implement your dream into the world and into yourself.

For a dream to be successful it needs to include other people. Tell people you trust about the dream at every stage. Speaking your dreams into the world transforms them and helps you see them in a different way. This shift in perspective deepens your understanding of the dream. Also it is essential to get other people involved in your dream. People love helping people fulfill their dreams. It's weird but true.

At any point along this dream path, doubts and naysayers can easily derail the process. It is important as a dreamer to believe in the world and trust that people are good. A dreamer has to be willing to take risks.

Dreaming and living those dreams into the world is one of the most purposeful and fulfilling tasks a human can engage in. It places you into history as an agent. This agency brings with it a sense of autonomy and confidence enriching the human experience.

Lastly, dreaming is essential because we need change and we need that change to enrich all human life. The system of government in the United States and in several other countries around the world is based on the collective strength of its population's ability to dream. A democracy requires everyone to acknowledge and engage in their responsibility to be active participants. Shared governance means shared responsibility. The responsibility to dream is a burden that should not be taken lightly.

Dream hard.

