



KEY THEMES

BEI in Belém at the World Social Forum (2008)

1. Valuing the local; LA21 implementing locophilia; local ownership
2. Energy is a human right
3. Compassion for the future, “People in the future will need shade, so plant trees.”
4. Consumption: richness just as problematic as poverty
5. Participatory democracy, even though it is difficult
6. Change the patronizing paradigm: respect; equity; hear others; recognize the legitimacy of anyone; you must go into the villages, not just ask them to come out.
7. Use ecological borders for planning
8. Transformation: reconstruction within ourselves
9. Extension of corporate social responsibility: network relations model, not clientelism.