Transformations Community Al Ethics Manifesto

The Transformations Community AI Ethics Manifesto is a living framework grounded in our core values of Transdisciplinarity, Translocalism, Transformative Learning, and Temperance. It aims to guide ethical AI use in sustainability transformations through eight principles that emphasize fairness, regenerative impact, inclusivity, and local context awareness. Designed as a practical compass, this manifesto invites ongoing community reflection to navigate the complex ethical challenges of AI in diverse real-world contexts.



Principle	Guiding Question
1. Justice for All Beings	How might AI participate in the repair of fractured relationships by supporting multispecies justice and honoring the voices, habitats, and histories of those long marginalized through extraction and erasure?
2. Regenerative Impact	In what ways might AI accompany the regeneration of living systems by attuning to their rhythms and responding wisely to ecological health over time?
3. Open Data Practices	How might AI support the weaving of plural knowledge systems rooted in transparency, local sovereignty, and place-based wisdom?
4. Inclusive Decision-Making	How might AI be designed to deepen shared responsibility and decision-making among all those entangled in its effects, both seen and unseen?
5. Holistic Social-Ecological Indicators	What would it mean to guide AI in dialogue with diverse sources of wisdom - land-based, ancestral, and non-human - whose presence shapes ethical direction, memory, and meaning?
6. Local Context Awareness	How might AI support ecological learning through listening and place-based care?
7. Minimize Harm, Maximize Good	How might we ensure that the benefits of AI intervention outweigh the potential harms, especially for vulnerable ecosystems and communities?
8. Accessible Communication	How might AI become explainable through the lived realities, stories, and sensations of those most intimately connected to place?

Share Your Thoughts!

What resonates with you? What doesn't? Share your ideas with us at: haley@transformationscommunity.org

