

PATTERN CATEGORIES – 1



INTELLIGENCE FACTORS

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- 19 Distributed Intelligence
- 37 Multi-Modal Intelligence
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- 60 Systems Thinking
- 62 Universal Intelligence



GENERAL WISDOM-GENERATING FACTORS

Certain factors tap the energies of wholeness and are thus particularly vital as we delve deeply enough and widely enough into the living world to generate broad long-term benefit. So appreciate the role these factors play in wise democratic functioning and promote their discerning application to all social process and design.

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EXPLICIT SUSTAINABILITY FACTORS

Sustainability involves maintaining our existence and functionality. In environmental economics it is described as the capacity to meet current needs without undermining the ability of future generations to meet their needs. So pay special attention to our relationship to the ongoing wellbeing of our shared world in all that we do.

- 3 Appropriate Innovation
- 10 Commons
- 17 Deep Time Stewardship
- 26 Full Cost Accounting
- 34 Life-Enhancing Enoughness
- 41 Nature First



POWER FACTORS

Power shapes whatever happens. It is the capacity to do, to influence, to create desired effects. Democracy, like all politics, organizes social power. So promote the wise power of the whole with nuanced, wholesome power dynamics that take seriously traditional democratic power principles while reaching beyond them for even greater benign potency.

- 7 Checks on Extreme Inequality
- 12 Competent Popular Oversight of Governance
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WISE DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONAL PRINCIPLES

Institutions are the ways we have things set up. They are particular structures and practices, guidelines and expectations, that shape everything we do. And a political system is largely about such institutions. So set things up so that citizens can engage in public activity that effectively helps realize collective wisdom.

- 9 Civil Rights
- 36 Microcosms
- 46 Privacy Guarantees
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- 50 Restorative Justice
- 51 Restrained Liberty
- 55 Sortition

PATTERN CATEGORIES – 2



CULTURE: GENERAL

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GROUP DYNAMICS AND PRACTICES

(These can also manifest in culture.)

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