

## Who am I? Who are we? An invitation.

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Dear Rita,

### *Who am I? Who are we? Who am I becoming? Who are we becoming?*

As someone who is connected with the Institute, you know that these are key topics for us as developmentalists and social change makers. What you may not be so aware of is how exploring being and becoming — and how they're related — is an activist performance of a particular sort, one that is socially organized and life-affirming.

I invite you to perform curiosity and keep reading!

The Institute launched "The How of Performance Activism" in the fall of 2020. It was an experiment born of lockdowns and quarantines. Would a weekend of workshops on Zoom conveying and experimenting with performance, activism and performance activism work? (And how would it play!) We designed the weekend for a max of 24 participants (at the time, one Zoom screen). Personally, I loved it! And people let us know it was fun, helpful, intimate, challenging and developmental for them.

And so, pleased with our experiment, we've continued this unique format for creating playful-philosophical-improvisational spaces together with participants, some of whom consider themselves performance activists and others—open and curious and, perhaps, searching—who are hearing the term for the first time.

Our 4th "**The How of Performance Activism: A Weekend Intensive**" is happening on May 15-16. If you've participated in one of the previous weekends, please recommend it to friends and colleagues. If you haven't, now just might be the right time!

Developmentally yours,  
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