

**«Who else, if not us?»** is the question of Om Eli, the traditional Moluccan guardian of nature. A question that is also at the heart of the **Community Life Competence Process (CLCP)** used by facilitators working for the Constellation, a Belgium based NGO.

The process puts the ownership of a challenge right where it belongs – into the hands of those who will benefit most from the solution. CLCP is a rigorous learning process combined with a strength-based approach that we call SALT (Stimulate, Appreciate, Learn, Transfer). What makes it unique, is a shift in the way of working together – from the traditional expert mode, where solutions come in only as 'guidelines' from outside, to a more co-creative one on an equal level. This helps people to (re-) discover their strengths and lets them overcome their challenges with their own resources.

The Constellation has been working with communities around the world and stimulating local responses for more than 15 years. Communities in over 60 countries have found ways to address a wide variety of issues, with an equally wide variety of solutions. The challenges include HIV/AIDS, Non Communicable Diseases, ageing with dignity and the integration of refugees into the society.

## Now, it is Time to address Waste.

In the Constellation's film «Waste Time» we see how the local Moluccan community on the island Saparua are putting their hands and hearts together to achieve their dream: «We want to live on a happy, green island». Teachers, housewives, the pastor, village leaders, schoolchildren, unemployed young people, farmers and fishermen are all taking small feasible actions. Sometimes they join for a big collective action, such as during the «Waste Walk» when the island is cleaned up. In the film we see how taking on the waste challenge touches on other health and sustainability issues on the way: a young man is encouraged to drink less, a housewife increases her family income, two rival villages realise that there are more important issues to address than fighting each other.

## We at the Constellation dream of a world with more and more such local responses.

We believe we have one answer on how to raise awareness for the plastic problem and consequently turn it into actions, learning and celebrations of small steps forward.

## Are you in?

Qualified facilitators of the Constellation are ready to support you through:

- > CLCP/SALT processes we guide you through the process within your company, business, organization, club, neighborhood.
- > Online CLCP/SALT facilitators training you can study together with two peers online while applying the process in real time in your own community.
- > Waste Competence Weekend an event organized in 2019 by facilitation teams in several countries. You can experience the CLCP/SALT approach and leave with a focused plan for your own local response to the waste problem.

Get in touch with us via constellation@communitylifecompetence.org to find out what we can do together. You can support the work of the Constellation with your financial contribution (tax exempted in Europe) via www.communitylifecompetence.org/contribute-money.html

