

List of attributes of a thriving local activity

At its recent meeting the governing board of **ebbf** celebrated the news that multitudes of activities are taking place in different corners of the world. Initiated by a single individual or sometimes a group of individuals, many of these initiatives have grown into series of coherent activities carried out by a large community of people.

While the whole **ebbf** community waits for those experiences to be shared, there are also other fruits of those activities we can all learn from. Most thriving local activities seem to share a set of attributes and we hope that studying them will help individuals all over the world to follow their path of action, and discover what suits their own situation best as they read their own reality. Here are some of the attributes that we have identified so far:

Bringing people together -- the ability to have meaningful conversations
Conversation -- the number and depth of the conversations taking place
Sustainable -- not a set of actions but a sustainable, developing process
Continuously learning -- in the spirit of studying, acting and reflection
Spirit of consultation -- including everyone to determine together the needed actions
Growing in capacity to address problems at the local level
Participating in discourses of society -- contributing at all levels
Using the capacity of people -- unlocking capacity and extending resources
Partnering with any group of people who seeks to improve the state of the world
Creating spaces of trust -- where ideas and thoughts can be shared
Upholding ethics and values -- uplifting, ennobling, elevating the human spirit
Using narratives to share learning -- to feed the ideas back to a wider **ebbf** community

CALL TO ACTION

We invite you, whether you are already an **ebbf member** or not, to participate in the global movement of people who are contributing to a better civilization through their everyday actions. There are numerous ways you can contribute to these processes, and you can adopt something others have already successfully tried elsewhere, or create something completely new. One thing you might want to take up is to invite people in your existing network to come with you to a next event taking place near your location or to an international event.

You can **[go to this link to contact the ebbf local activities accompaniment team](#)** and find there a simple guide that shares best practices collected from successful local activities.

With loving greetings

The **ebbf** board