

# CHAPTER ONE

# Shaping OUR world

New ways of looking at organisations and social change

We are greater than our despair.  
The negative aspects of humanity  
Are not the most real and authentic;  
The most authentic thing about us  
Is our capacity to create, to overcome,  
To endure, to transform, to love,  
And to be greater than our suffering.  
We are best defined by the mystery  
That we are still here, and can still rise  
Upwards, still create better civilisations,  
That we can face our raw realities,  
And that we will survive  
The greater despair  
That the greater future might bring.



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the mystery”*

FROM “MENTAL FIGHT” BY BEN OKRI, 1999

**HI THERE. I'M LOFTY...**

Have you thought why organisations matter or what kind of organisations we need in the future? Does a “sovereign local organisation” sound interesting?  
Is an organisation a machine or a living thing? And just how do organisations change? Are you a “cultural creative”?  
If these questions are at all interesting, read on!

