Soft, Radical and Beyond approaches to system reform

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Soft Reform

to make the same system a little bit better through transformations of policies and practices

horizon: single story of progress, development and evolution

SAME QUESTIONS, SAME ANSWERS

HOPE for CONTINUITY of the same system

Recognition of dominant ways of knowing

Radical Reform

To make the same world a lot better by including more people, voices and perspectives in collective action.

horizon: unification of many voices in a single direction

SAME QUESTIONS, DIFFERENT ANSWERS

HOPE for FIXING the same system

Recognition of dominant ways of being

Beyond Reform

To disinvest in the current unsustainable world and to walk with others into the possibility of new worlds .

horizon: learning from repeated mistakes in order to make different mistakes

DIFFERENT QUESTIONS, DIFFERENT ANSWERS

HOPE for OTHER systems