

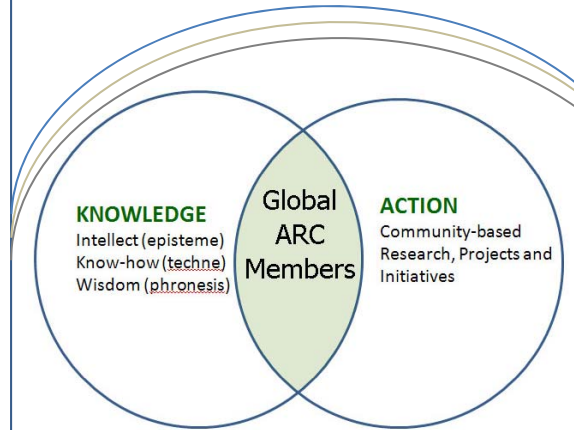


We bring communities, researchers and students together to:

- ❑ Reinvent urban-rural relations and bioregions
- ❑ Identify and make connections among promising sustainability solutions regionally and globally
- ❑ Create opportunities for action research and student internships
- ❑ Spur culture change within institutions of higher education –helping transform ivory towers into ivory bridges that link knowledge to action for the common good.



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*Knowing is not enough; we must apply.
 Willing is not enough; we must do --Goethe*

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A non-profit organization

Creating innovative bioregions where healthy, just and resilient communities—urban and rural—flourish together sustainably.

Vision

A world of innovative bioregions where healthy, just and resilient communities—urban and rural—flourish together sustainably.

Mission

The Global ARC is scaling up innovation thru community-based action research, social media and global networking. We promote a globally interdependent bioregionalism that propagates just, resilient and sustainable place-making .

Three Major Assumptions

A Perfect Storm

Problems arising from climate change, peak oil, and economic-ecological stresses are combining in new and troublesome ways. The magnitude and complexity of these problems will force institutional and social change on an epic scale.

Bioregions

Place-based concepts like bioregion, foodshed, and urban-wild land interface will become increasingly pivotal in economic and community development planning as the hyper-mobility of energy-intensive global capital becomes unmanageably problematic.

Action Research

Changes in the funding and culture of science and technology are creating new opportunities for holistic, use-inspired, problem-solving and civically-engaged research. Along such lines, action research can play a vital role in linking knowledge to action for the common good.

THE GLOBAL ARC'S ENDEAVORS

Alternative Development: Vision, Metrics, Implementation

- Create forward-looking vision and evidence-based foundations upon which policies and programs can be developed to implement just and healthy bioregional development.
- Establish an operational framework and methods for integrated assessment of coupled human-ecological systems (urban-rural-wild land) at foodshed, watershed and bioregional scales.
- Develop new socio-ecological metrics of value and wealth.
- Support the creation of green jobs, green infrastructure and community commons.

Bioregional Infrastructure: Integration, Innovation, Governance

- Create a Bioregional Workbench Consortium (i.e., an open access web-based resource for data access, visualization, integration, mapping and spatial analysis).
- Leverage university resources to build regional capacity for discovery, innovation, and learning.
- Support the creation of regional food hubs and other agropolitan-type infrastructure.
- Partner with regional alliances and initiatives to foster ecological democracy.

Get Involved →

- Contribute a challenge & solution to The Global ARC's *Sustainability Database*
- Browse to see what others are thinking and doing to improve food systems, watersheds, energy, land, built environments & human development.
- Energize regional and global connectivity in struggles to create just and healthy bioregions.

