Appendix 2: Transition Network’s Relational Agreements

When working for Transition Network we agree to do our best to align ourselves with the following ways of being and relating to help us create healthy collaborative culture:

**Accountability:** We do what we say we are going to do and communicate clearly when we are no longer able to.

**Appreciation:** We find ways to cultivate appreciation and gratitude and express this regularly.

**Awareness:** We find ways to increase our self-awareness in relationship to our: needs; impact on others; relationships with power; and, our conditioned ways of being and relating.

**Sovereignty:** We act on our increasing self awareness and compassion around power, privilege, rank and the Drama Triangle to more and more:
- Exercise agency alongside empathy and compassion;
- Say ‘no’ when we need to;
- Voice ‘reasonable’ objections as and when they arise;
- Offer and receive feedback even when it feels uncomfortable and as early as we’re able to;
- Name conflict when we feel/see it, whether directly involved or not;
- Honour the diversity of our experience by expressing our appreciation, gratitude, joy, celebrations, achievements, hopes, longings and positivity as well as our fears, frustrations, anger, sadness, vulnerability, despair and grief.

**Communication:** We find ways to communicate with respect, care and compassion for ourselves and each other, including: listening at least as much as we speak; speaking one at a time without interrupting; supporting all voices to be heard; owning our judgements; seeking agreement around and holding confidentiality as appropriate; and, speaking from our needs and hearts.

**Feedback:** We take action to learn how to offer and receive feedback in healthy ways, even and especially when it feels uncomfortable, and to respect any agreed processes around this.

**Conflict Resilience:** We make the effort to find ways of becoming more conflict resilient, and to respect any agreed processes around this.

**Resourced and Available:** We do what we can to become adequately resourced and available within our collaborations - both physically and emotionally, by: cultivating balance in our lives and learning how to avoid burnout; finding ways of balancing our own needs with that of the group; and saying ‘no’ when we need to.